



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA
Board of Commissioners, St. Louis County, Minnesota

May 28, 2013

Immediately following the Board Meeting, which begins at 9:30 A.M.
City Council Chambers, City Hall, 401 East 21st Street, Hibbing, MN

CONSENT AGENDA:

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered routine and/or non-controversial and will be enacted by one unanimous motion. If a commissioner requests, or a citizen wishes to speak on an item on the consent agenda, it will be removed and handled separately.

Minutes of May 14, 2013

Health & Human Services Committee – Commissioner Stauber, Chair

1. Internal Document Management System Planning for Public Health & Human Services [13-197]

Environment & Natural Resources Committee – Commissioner Nelson, Chair

2. Cancellation of Contract for Purchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Siveny [13-198]
3. Cancellation of Contracts for Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land - Abbett, Mitchell [13-199]
4. Utility Easement across State Tax Forfeited Land - Lake Country Power [13-200]
5. Utility Easement across State Tax Forfeited Land - Minnesota Power [13-201]
6. Reclassification of State Tax Forfeited Lands to Non-Conservation [13-202]
7. Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land - Lee, Hasselblad, Stoudt [13-203]
8. Special Sale to the Duluth Economic Development Authority (DEDA) [13-204]

Public Works & Transportation Committee – Commissioner Forsman, Chair

9. Floor Drain Replacement at the Richard H. Hansen Public Works and Transportation Complex [13-205]
10. MnDOT Release of Old TH 53 to St. Louis County [13-206]
11. Agreement with Cedar Valley Township for the Replacement of Bridge 210 [13-207]

Finance & Budget Committee – Commissioner Raukar, Chair

12. Abatement List for Board Approval [13-208]
13. Purchase of Hewlett Packard Blade Servers [13-209]

ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Finance & Budget Committee – Commissioner Raukar, Chair

14. Amend the Public Hearing Date on an Amendment to the Capital Improvement Plan and on Intent to Issue Capital Improvement Bonds – Tuesday, July 2, 2013, 9:40 a.m., St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN [13-210]

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION:

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee – Commissioner Jewell, Chair

- **2013 Residential Survey Results [13-211]**
Discussion on the 2013 Residential Survey results was rescheduled from the May 21 County Board Workshop to the May 28 Committee of the Whole meeting.
- **2013 Legislative Session Wrap-up [13-212]**
John Ongaro will be present at the Committee of the Whole meeting to provide a 2013 Legislative Session wrap-up.

REGULAR AGENDA:

For items on the Regular Agenda, citizens will be allowed to address the Board at the time a motion is on the floor.

Public Works & Transportation Committee – Commissioner Forsman, Chair

- 1. Award of Bids: Gravel Road Investment Program (Various Townships), Reclaim and Overlay (Meadowlands, Elmer and Cedar Valley Townships) [13-213]**
Resolutions awarding projects to low bidders for the 2013 north/central GRIP program and for a reclaim and overlay project in Meadowlands, Elmer and Cedar Valley Townships.
- 2. Award of Bids: Culvert Replacement (Embarrass Township); Culvert and Paving Project (Fayal Township) [13-214]**
Bids were opened on May 23. Bid results and recommendations for consideration will be provided at the May 28 Committee of the Whole meeting.
- 3. Electronic Bidding for Public Works Department Projects [13-215]**
Resolution authorizing the establishment of electronic submittal of Public Works Department project bids.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS:

At this time, Commissioners may introduce items for discussion or report on past and future activities.

ADJOURNED:

NEXT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING DATES:

June 4, 2013	Commissioners' Conference Room, Courthouse, Duluth, MN
June 11, 2013	Commissioners' Conference Room, Courthouse, Duluth, MN
June 25, 2013	Semers Park Pavilion, Ely, MN

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Location: St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota

Present: Commissioners Jewell, O'Neil, Forsman, Stauber, Nelson, Raukar,
and Chair Dahlberg

Absent: None

Convened: Chair Dahlberg called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Raukar/O'Neil moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (7-0)

- Minutes of May 7, 2013
- Cancellation of Contracts for Purchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Lindberg, Wright [13-184]
- Cancellation of Contract for Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Pocrnich [13-185]
- Utility Easement across State Tax Forfeited Land to City of Duluth [13-186]
- Emergency Purchase for Building Demolition – Aurora [13-187]
- Temporary Construction Easement across State Tax Forfeited Land to WLSSD [13-188]
- Purchase of Truck Mounted Roadpatching Unit [13-189]
- Rental of Five Belly Dump Trailers [13-190]
- Acceptance of Flood Grant for Storm Project – CSAH 91/Haines Road (Duluth and Hermantown) [13-191]
- Acceptance of Flood Grant for Storm Project Work Order 161821 and Rescind Resolution No.12-557 [13-192]
- Amended NEMESIS Consulting Services Contract [13-193]
- Authorization to Expend the 2010 ARMER Integration Grant for a Microwave Link from Sax ARMER Site to Hibbing Maple Hill Site [13-194]

REGULAR AGENDA

Health & Human Services

O'Neil/Jewell moved to support Center City Housing's acceptance of a grant from the Minnesota Department of Human Services, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division. [13-195] After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-1, Dahlberg)

Public Works & Transportation

Stauber/Dahlberg moved to award a bid to Ulland Brothers, Inc., of Cloquet, MN, in the amount of \$312,450.00 for combined projects CP 0898-155308(Low), and CP 0014-159990, Culvert Replacement [13-196]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Nelson/Raukar moved to award a bid to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC., of Eau Claire, WI, in the amount of \$317,880.96 for project SAP 69-030-031 Crack Sealing [13-196]. The motion passed. (7-0)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Raukar discussed a recent Habitat for Humanity home dedication he attended. Commissioner Raukar stated that there have been 52 Habitat for Humanity homes built in St. Louis County since 1995, of which there have been zero foreclosures.

Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Forsman, moved to pass a Directive Motion requesting that Administration and the Attorney's office to look at all of the aspects and avenues that the St. Louis County Board could engage in with the MN Center for Environmental Advocacy and the concerns that the Board has surrounding the process that has been followed through an EAW with the DNR and litigation which could potentially disrupt in a harmful fashion the operation of Minntac. Commissioner Jewell exited the meeting at 11:20 a.m. After lengthy discussion, the motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent).

Commissioner Raukar exited the meeting at 11:41 a.m.

At 11:43 a.m., Forsman/O'Neil moved to adjourn the committee of the whole meeting. (5-0, Jewell, Raukar absent)

Chris Dahlberg, Chair of the County Board

Phil Chapman, Interim Clerk of the County Board

BOARD LETTER NO. 13 – 197

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 1

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 28, 2013

RE: Internal Document
Management System Planning
for Public Health & Human
Services

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Ann M. Busche, Director
Public Health & Human Services

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To protect, promote, and improve the health and quality of life in St. Louis County.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize a contract with MJS Consulting to assist in the planning and implementation of Phase 1 of the new Internal Document Management System (IDMS) system.

BACKGROUND:

In December, 2009, the St Louis County Board authorized the Public Health and Human Services Department (PHHS) to enter into purchase agreements and professional service contracts to implement an Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) within the Income Maintenance area. During 2010, EDMS was successfully implemented, resulting in greater efficiency and communication for financial workers and support staff, better customer service, and the avoidance of hiring additional staff despite large, growing workloads.

Recent planning for remodeling of the Duluth Government Services Center (GSC) has made evident a need to conserve space. One strategy is to eliminate as much paper storage as possible, as paper files currently fill over 1300 file cabinets within Duluth PHHS space. PHHS would like to begin development of a new project entitled Internal Document Management System (IDMS). This initial stage of IDMS will establish a static electronic file storage system to replace existing paper files, with the end result of providing a complete electronic management system that encompasses the remaining department, specifically Adult Services, Children and Family Services, and Public Health.

PHHS recommends engaging MJS Consulting of St. Louis Park, MN, to assist in the planning and implementation of Phase 1 of the new IDMS system, which would be implemented in coordination with the GSC remodel. MJS Consulting has been the

project manager for the EDMS system so has good knowledge of the operations of PHHS. The proposed timeline for beginning this phase is June 2013.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize a contract with MJS Consulting of St. Louis Park, MN, to assist in the planning and implementation of Phase 1 of the new IDMS system, with a contract maximum of \$61,300, payable from the PHHS Technology Improvements fund balance, Fund 230, Object 311401, with a corresponding increase to expenditure budget Fund 230, Agency 230038, Object 629900.

**Internal Document Management System Planning
for Public Health & Human Services**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Recent planning for the remodel of the Duluth Government Services Center (GSC) has made evident a need to conserve space by the elimination of as much paper storage as possible; and

WHEREAS, The Public Health and Human Services Department (PHHS) would like to begin the first phase of development of a new project entitled Internal Document Management System (IDMS) that will establish a static electronic file storage system to replace existing paper files; and

WHEREAS, PHHS recommends engaging MJS Consulting of St. Louis Park, MN, to assist in the planning and implementation of Phase 1 of the new IDMS system;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes a contract with MJS Consulting of St. Louis Park, MN, to assist in the planning and implementation of Phase 1 of the new Internal Document Management System not to exceed \$61,300, payable from the PHHS Technology Improvements fund balance, Fund 230, Object 311401, with a corresponding increase to expenditure budget Fund 230, Agency 230038, Object 629900.

BOARD LETTER NO. 13 - 198

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 2

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 28, 2013

RE: Cancellation of Contract for
Purchase of State Tax
Forfeited Land - Siveny

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Mark Weber, Interim Director
Land and Minerals

Donald Dicklich
County Auditor

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To perform public services; provide financial return to the county and taxing districts.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to cancel a contract for purchase of state tax forfeited land.

BACKGROUND:

The County Auditor has attached information in reference to a state tax forfeited land contract which has been entered into under the provisions of Minn. Stat. Chapter 282. The purchase agreement has defaulted due to the purchasers' failure to pay the required installments and taxes. The purchasers, Jason Siveny Sr and Vikki Siveny of Aurora, MN, have been served with Notice of Cancellation of Contract by civil process but have failed to cure the default.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board approve cancellation of this contract and authorize the disposal of abandoned personal property that may remain on the site.

James Siveny Sr & Vikki Siveny, Aurora, MN

Legal Description	TOWN OF EMBARRASS S 1/2 OF NE 1/4 OF SE 1/4 OF SE 1/4 and N 1/2 OF NE 1/4 OF SE 1/4 OF SE 1/4 Sec 32 Twp 60 Rge 15 Parcel Code: 330-0010-05161, 05162 C22060238
Purchase Price	\$8,500.00
Principal Amount Remaining	\$3,920.71
Date of Last Payment	5/6/2011
Installment Payments Not Made	\$653.46
Subsequent Del Taxes and Fees	\$950.51
Amount Needed to Cure Default	\$1,603.97
Insurance	N/A

Cancellation of Contract for Purchase of State Tax Forfeited Land - Siveny

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The contract with Jason Siveny Sr & Vikki Siveny of Aurora, MN, for the purchase of state tax forfeited land is in default for nonpayment of taxes and installments; and

WHEREAS, The purchasers were properly served with Notice of Cancellation of Contract by civil process and have failed to cure the default for lands legally described as:

TOWN OF EMBARRASS
S 1/2 OF NE 1/4 OF SE 1/4 OF SE 1/4
and N 1/2 OF NE 1/4 OF SE 1/4 OF SE 1/4
Sec 32 Twp 60 Rge 15
Parcel Code: 330-0010-05161, 05162
C22060238

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.04, Subd, 2(d) and 504B.271 authorizes the County Auditor to dispose of abandoned personal property; and

WHEREAS, The previous owners of the property will be notified by posting of property or by mail;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the cancellation of contract for the purchase of state tax forfeited land described above, according to the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 5, and Minn. Stat. § 282.40, and according to the procedures of Minn. Stat. § 559.21;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the County Auditor is authorized to dispose of abandoned personal property from the above described state tax forfeited property.



St. Louis County Land Department Tax Forfeited Land Sales

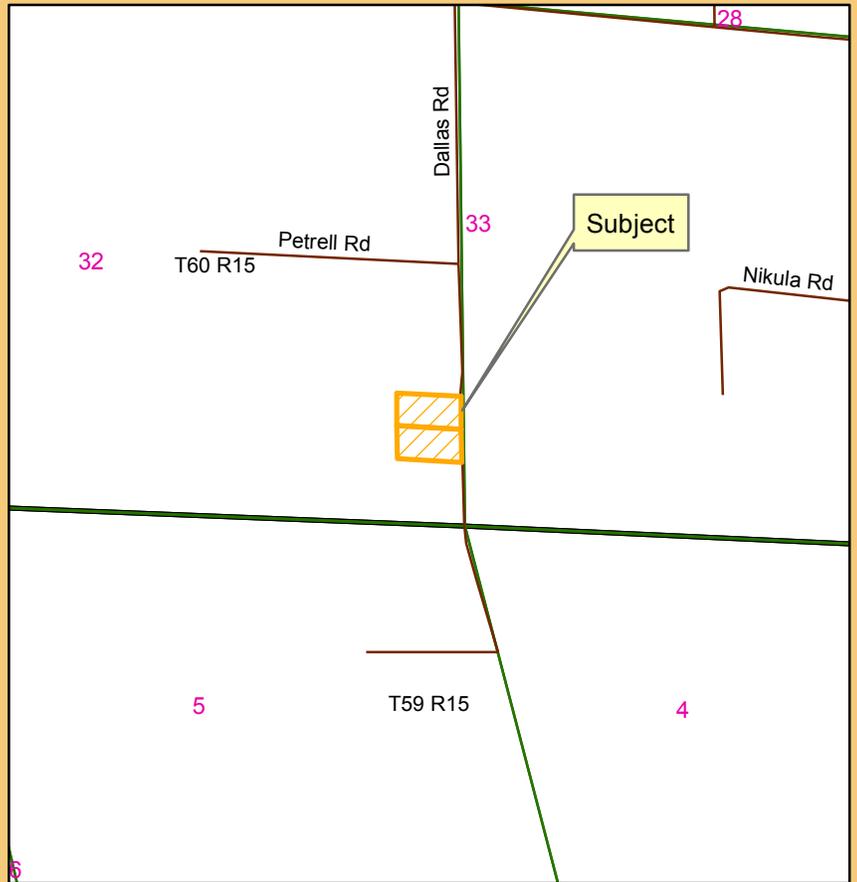
Cancellation of Contract

Legal : TOWN OF EMBARRASS
S 1/2 OF NE 1/4 OF SE 1/4 OF SE 1/4
also N 1/2 OF NE 1/4 OF SE 1/4 OF SE 1/4
Sec 32 Twp 60 Rge 15

Parcel Code : 330-0010-05161, 05162

LDKEY : 62106

Acres: 5.00

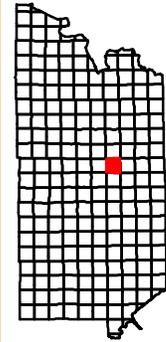


Town of Embarrass

Sec: 32 Twp: 60 Rng: 15

Commissioner District # 4

-  State Tax Forfeited Land
-  Water
-  Road
-  Area of Interest
-  Tract

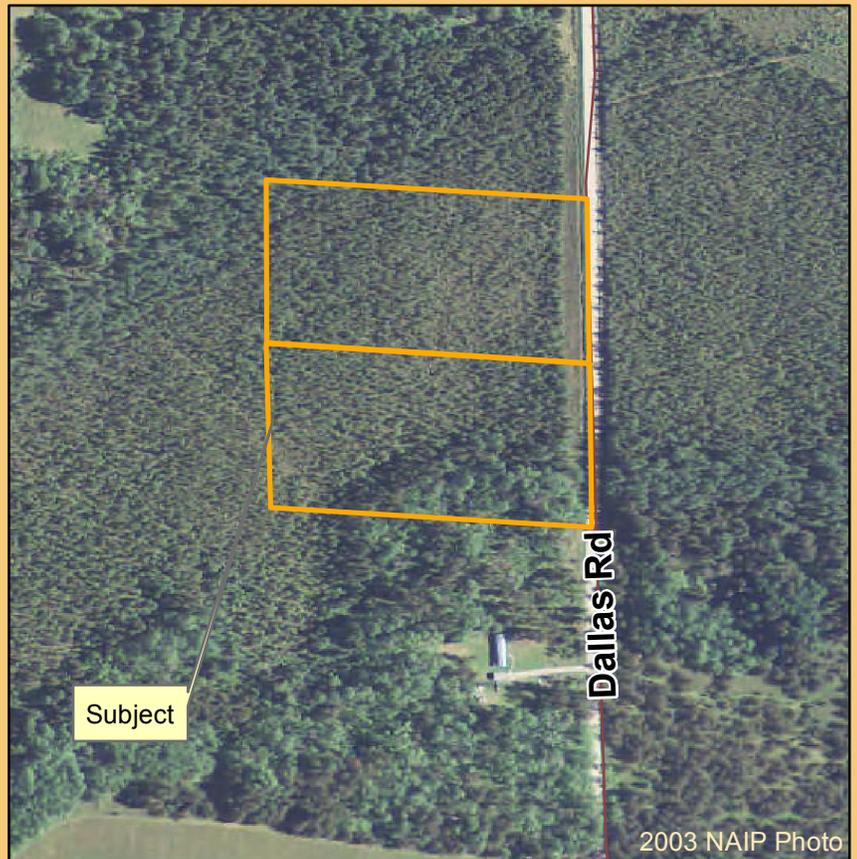


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Land Department

May 2013



BOARD LETTER NO. 13 - 199

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 3

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 28, 2013

RE: Cancellation of Contracts for
Repurchase of State Tax
Forfeited Land - Abbett,
Mitchell

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Mark Weber, Interim Director
Land and Minerals

Donald Dicklich
County Auditor

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To perform public services; provide financial return to the county and taxing districts.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to cancel contracts for repurchase of state tax forfeited land.

BACKGROUND:

The County Auditor has attached information in reference to state tax forfeited land contracts which have been entered into under the provisions of Minn. Stat. Chapter 282. The repurchase agreements have defaulted due to the purchasers' failure to pay the required installments and/or taxes and/or failure to provide proof of insurance. The purchasers, Richard & Susan Abbett of Duluth, MN, and Antoinette Mitchell of Ely, MN have been served with Notice of Cancellation of Contract by civil process but have failed to cure the defaults.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board approve cancellation of these contracts and authorize the disposal of abandoned personal property that may remain on the sites.

Richard & Susan Abbett, Duluth, MN

Legal Description	CITY OF DULUTH LOT 7 & 8 BLOCK 1, BRYANT ADDITION TO DULUTH SECOND DIV and LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 11 PACIFIC AVE ADDITION DULUTH Parcel Code: 010-0340-00090, 00100 & 010-3710-01630 C22110032
Purchase Price	\$12,308.50
Principal Amount Remaining	\$9,969.88
Date of Last Payment	3/26/2012
Installment Payments Not Made	\$0.00
Subsequent Del Taxes and Fees	\$1,316.65
Amount Needed to Cure Default	\$1,316.65
Insurance	N/A

Antoinette Mitchell, Ely, MN

Legal Description	CITY OF ELY LOT: 0003 BLOCK: 011, WHITESIDES ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF ELY Parcel Code: 030-0370-01200 C22070153
Purchase Price	\$16,728.31
Principal Amount Remaining	\$10, 538.83
Date of Last Payment	11/10/2011
Installment Payments Not Made	\$3,011.10
Subsequent Del Taxes and Fees	\$5,816.23
Amount Needed to Cure Default	\$8,827.33
Insurance	Failure to provide insurance

Cancellation of Contract for Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land - Abbett

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The contract with Richard & Susan Abbett of Duluth, MN, for the repurchase of state tax forfeited land is in default for nonpayment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, The purchasers were properly served with Notice of Cancellation of Contract by civil process and have failed to cure the default for lands legally described as:

CITY OF DULUTH
LOT 7 & 8 BLOCK 1, BRYANT ADDITION TO DULUTH SECOND DIV
and LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 11 PACIFIC AVE ADDITION DULUTH
Parcel Code: 010-0340-00090, 00100 & 010-3710-01630
C22110032

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.04, Subd, 2(d) and 504B.271 authorizes the County Auditor to dispose of abandoned personal property; and

WHEREAS, The previous owners of the property will be notified by posting of the property or by mail;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the cancellation of contract for the repurchase of state tax forfeited land described above, according to the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 5, and Minn. Stat. § 282.40, and according to the procedures of Minn. Stat. § 559.21;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Auditor is authorized to dispose of abandoned personal property from the above described state tax forfeited property.



St. Louis County Land Department Tax Forfeited Land Sales

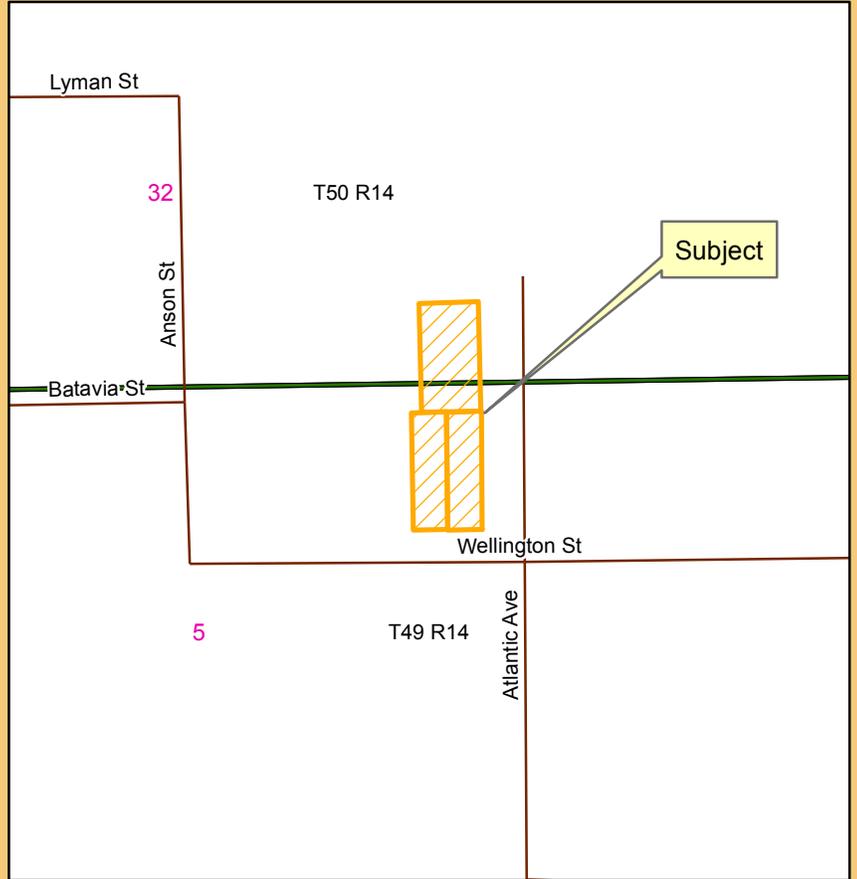
Cancellation of Contract

Legal : CITY OF DULUTH
LOT 7 & 8, BLOCK 1, BRYANT ADDITION
TO DULUTH SECOND DIVISION also
LOTS 1 AND 2, BLCOK 11 PACIFIC AVE
ADDITION DULUTH

Parcel Code : 010-0340-00090,00100 &
010-3710-01630

LDKEY : 71094

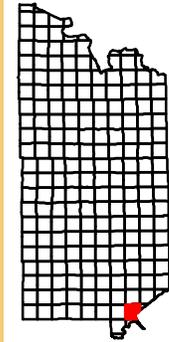
Address: 3203 Wellington St
Duluth, MN 55806



City of Duluth Sec: 32 Twp: 50 Rng: 14 & Sec: 5 Twp 48 Rng 14

Commissioner District # 3

- State Tax Forfeited Land
- Water
- Road
- Area of Interest
- Tract



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Land Department

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Cancellation of Contract for Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land - Mitchell

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The contract with Antoinette Mitchell of Ely, MN, for the repurchase of state tax forfeited land is in default for nonpayment of taxes and installments and failure to provide proof of insurance; and

WHEREAS, The purchaser was properly served with Notice of Cancellation of Contract by civil process and has failed to cure the default for lands legally described as:

CITY OF ELY
LOT: 0003 BLOCK: 011,
WHITESIDES ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF ELY
Parcel Code: 030-0370-01200
C22070153

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.04, Subd, 2(d) and 504B.271 authorizes the County Auditor to dispose of abandoned personal property; and

WHEREAS, The previous owners of the property will be notified by posting of the property or by mail;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the cancellation of contract for the repurchase of state tax forfeited land described above, according to the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 5, and Minn. Stat. § 282.40, and according to the procedures of Minn. Stat. § 559.21;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Auditor is authorized to dispose of abandoned personal property from the above described state tax forfeited property.



St. Louis County Land Department Tax Forfeited Land Sales

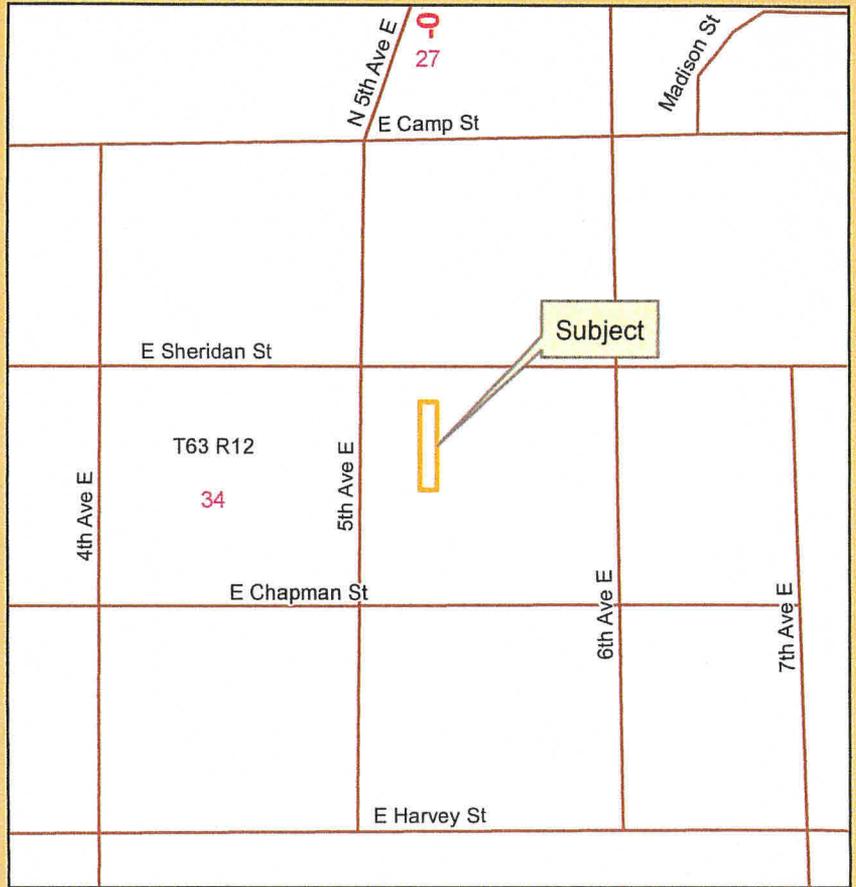
Cancellation of Contract

Legal : CITY OF ELY
LOT: 0003 BLOCK:011
WHITESIDES ADDITION TO THE
TOWN OF ELY

Parcel Code : 030-0370-01200

LDKEY : 62245

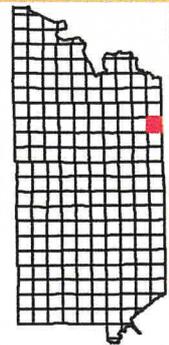
Address: 510 E SHERIDAN ST
Ely, MN



City of Ely Sec: 34 Twp: 63 Rng: 12

Commissioner District # 4

- State Tax Forfeited Land
- Water
- Road
- Area of Interest
- Tract

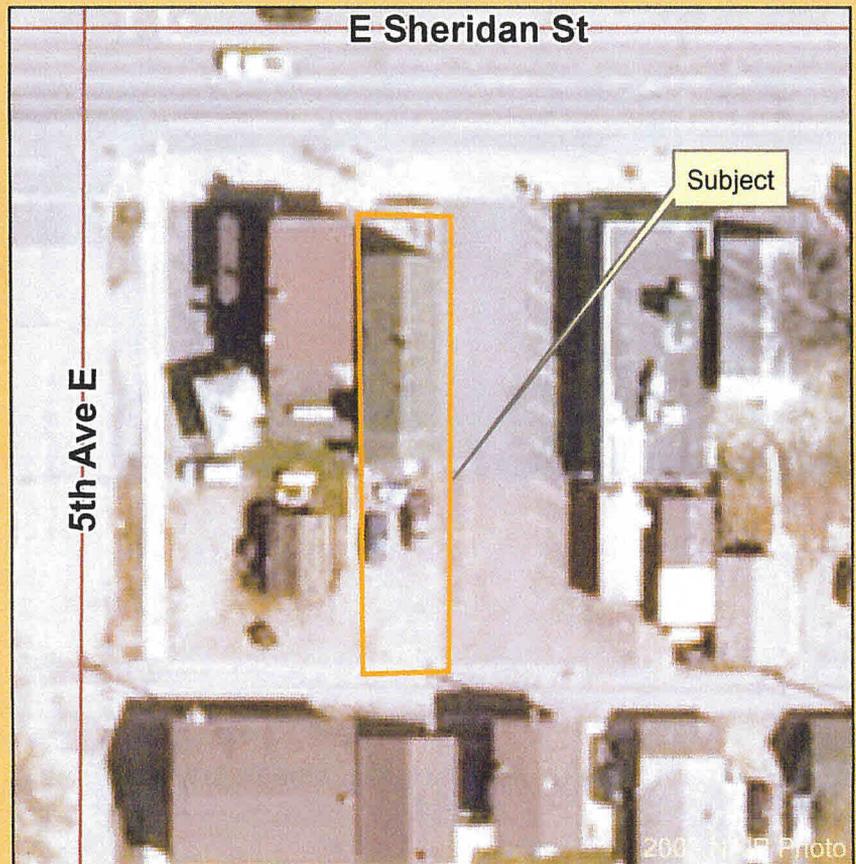


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Land Department

May 2013



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BOARD LETTER NO. 13 - 200

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 4

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 28, 2013 **RE:** Utility Easement across State
Tax Forfeited Land - Lake
Country Power

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Mark Weber, Interim Director
Land and Minerals

Donald Dicklich
County Auditor

RELATED DEPARTMENTAL GOAL:

Performing public services.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize a powerline easement across state tax forfeited land to Lake Country Power in Section 26, Township 63 North, Range 19 West (Field Township).

BACKGROUND:

Lake Country Power has requested a 60-foot wide utility easement to reroute a powerline along County Road 937 (Wood Road) to make it more accessible for their crews. Minn. Stat. § 282.04, Subd. 4 authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor to grant easements for such purposes. The proposed easement will encumber approximately 5.45 acres. Exercising the easement will not cause significant adverse environmental or natural resource management impacts, and will not conflict with public use of the land.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize a utility easement across state tax forfeited land to Lake Country Power upon payment of \$5,177.50 land use fee and \$46 recording fee; for a total of \$5,223.50, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

Utility Easement across State Tax Forfeited Land - Lake Country Power

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Lake Country Power has requested a powerline utility easement across state tax forfeited land; and

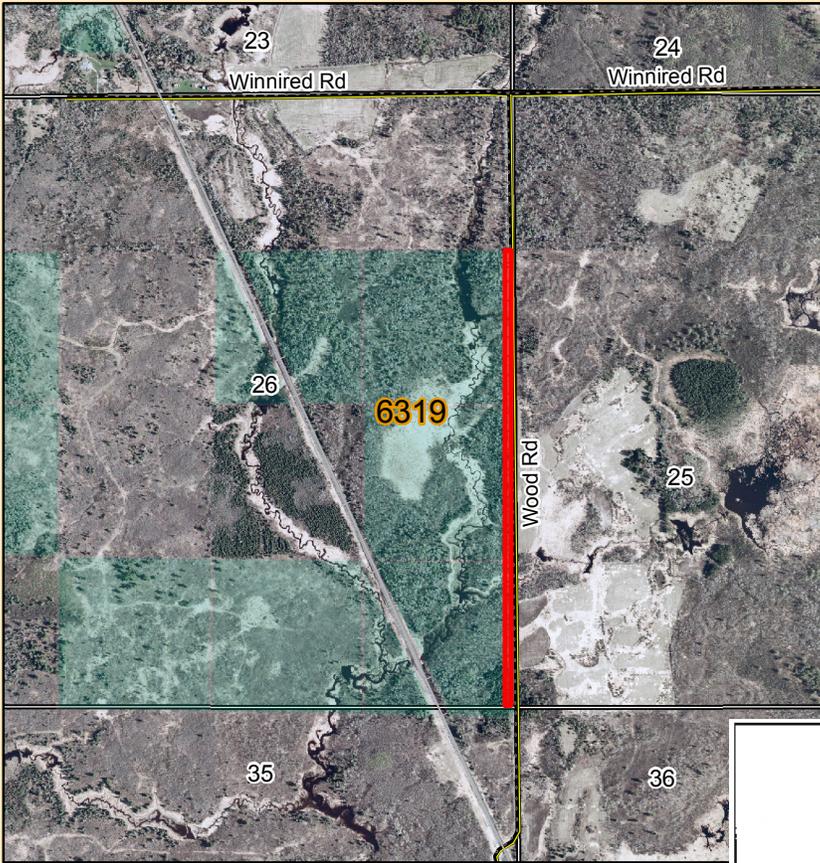
WHEREAS, Exercising the easement will not conflict with public use of the land; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.04, Subd. 4 authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor to grant easements for such purposes;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor to grant a powerline utility easement to Lake Country Power described as follows:

A 60 foot wide utility easement described as the Easterly 60.00 feet of the Southeast Quarter, and the Easterly 60.00 feet of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, all in Section 26, Township 63 North, Range 19 West, St. Louis County, Minnesota;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the granting of this easement is conditioned upon payment of \$5,177.50 land use fee and \$46 recording fee; for a total of \$5,223.50, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).



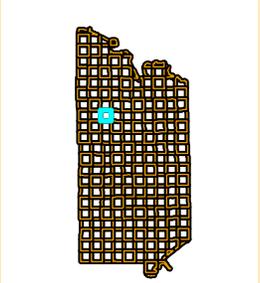
Town of Field
Section 26, T63N, R19W

affects:

Parcel Codes: 350-0020-04150
350-0020-04240
350-0020-04270
LDKeys: 40785
40789
40791

4th Commissioner District

- State Tax Forfeited Land
- Water
- Road
- Area of Interest
- Tract



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St. Louis County
Land and Minerals
Department



CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY
An Easement Survey within the SE1/4 of NE1/4, NE1/4 of SE1/4, & SE1/4 of SE1/4, Section 26, Township 63 North, Range 19 West

A 60 foot wide utility easement described as the Eastern 60.00 feet of the Southeast Quarter, and the Eastern 60.00 feet of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, of Section 26, Township 63 North, Range 19 West, St. Louis County, Minnesota

LEGEND
 ○ Iron Pipe
 ⊙ Cast Iron Monument
 ⊙ Calculated Position

Recordings are based on SPCS NAD83, Minnesota North Zone.

PREPARED FOR
Lake Country Power

SECTION: 26
 TOWNSHIP: 63 NORTH
 RANGE: 19 WEST
 COUNTY: St. Louis
 DATE: 3/4/2012
 DRAWN BY: MJS
 JOB NO: 12612-008
 DRAWING NO: 02012008

I hereby certify that this survey, plan, or report was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly Licensed Land Surveyor under the laws of the State of Minnesota.
 Mike Smith
 Date: 3/4/2012 License No. 48827

BOARD LETTER NO. 13 - 201

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 5

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 28, 2013

RE: Utility Easement across State
Tax Forfeited Land - Minnesota
Power

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Mark Weber, Interim Director
Land and Minerals

Donald Dicklich
County Auditor

RELATED DEPARTMENTAL GOAL:

Performing public services.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize a powerline easement across state tax forfeited land to Minnesota Power in Section 29, Township 59 North, Range 15 West (White Township).

BACKGROUND:

Minnesota Power has requested a 20-foot wide utility easement for a 23 kV overhead single-pole construction powerline to bring 3-phase power to the Embarrass Switching Station. Minn. Stat. § 282.04, Subd. 4 authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor to grant easements for such purposes. The proposed easement will encumber approximately 1.74 acres. Exercising the easement will not cause significant adverse environmental or natural resource management impacts, and will not conflict with public use of the land.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize a utility easement across state tax forfeited land to Minnesota Power upon payment of \$1,570.98 land use fee, \$393.87 timber damages, and \$46 recording fee; for a total of \$2,010.85, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

Utility Easement across State Tax Forfeited Land - Minnesota Power

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Minnesota Power has requested a utility easement across state tax forfeited land for a 23 kV overhead single-pole construction powerline to bring 3-phase power to the Embarrass Switching Station; and

WHEREAS, Exercising the easement will not conflict with public use of the land; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.04, Subd. 4 authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor to grant easements for such purposes;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor to grant a powerline utility easement to Minnesota Power described as follows:

That part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 59 North, Range 15 West, Saint Louis County, Minnesota, lying between two lines distant 70.00 feet easterly and 50.00 feet easterly of the following described line:

Commencing at the east quarter corner of said Section 32; thence South 89 degrees 16 minutes 53 seconds West, along the south line of the SE1/4-NE1/4 a distance of 1103.78 feet; thence North 44 degrees 11 minutes 10 seconds West a distance of 19.06 feet; thence North 00 degrees 31 minutes 55 seconds West a distance of 2634.53 feet to the south line of said SE1/4-SE1/4 and the point of beginning of the line to be described; thence North 00 degrees 31 minutes 55 seconds West a distance of 984.70 feet, and there terminating.

That part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 59 North, Range 15 West, Saint Louis County, Minnesota, lying between two lines distant 70.00 feet northeasterly and 50.00 feet northeasterly of the following described line:

Commencing at the east quarter corner of Section 32; thence South 89 degrees 16 minutes 53 seconds West, along the east-west quarter line of said Section 32 a distance of 1103.78 feet; thence North 44 degrees 11 minutes 10 seconds West a distance of 19.06 feet; thence North 00 degrees 31 minutes 55 seconds West a distance of 3719.27 feet; thence North 71 degrees 28 minutes 33 seconds West a distance of 100.04 feet to the point of beginning of the line to be described; thence North 71 degrees 28 minutes 33 seconds West a distance of 89.22 feet to the west line of said SE1/4-SE1/4, and there terminating.

The sidelines of said easement are prolonged to terminate on the west line of the SE1/4-SE1/4.

That part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter and that part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 29, Township 59 North, Range 15 West, Saint Louis County, Minnesota, lying between two lines distant 70.00 feet northeasterly and easterly and 50.00 feet northeasterly and easterly of the following described line:

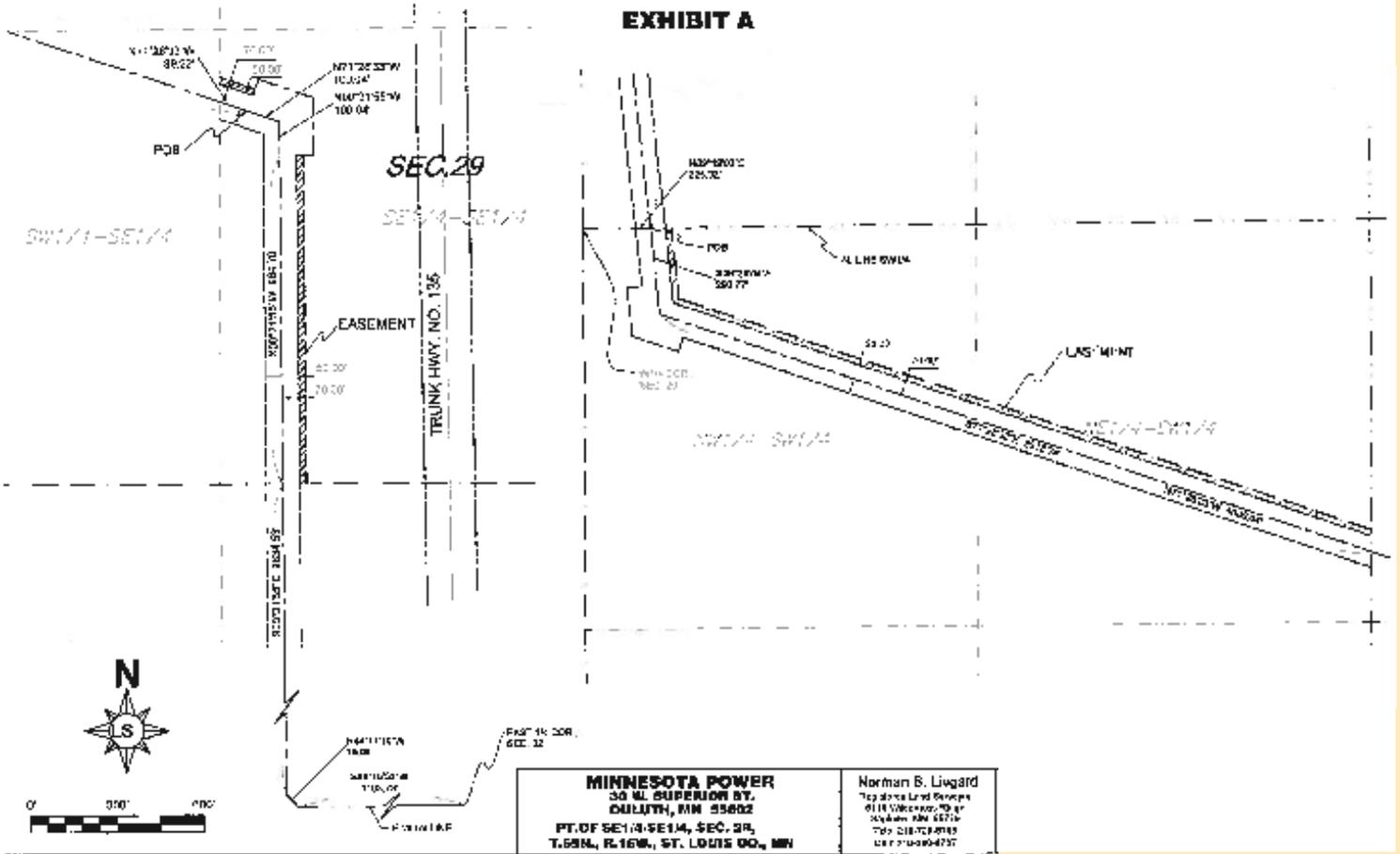
Commencing at the west quarter corner of said Section 29; thence North 89 degrees 19 minutes 03 seconds East, along the north line of said NW1/4-SW1/4 a distance of 225.32 feet to the point of beginning of the line to be described; thence South 06 degrees 24 minutes 04 seconds East a distance of 290.77 feet; thence South 71 degrees 28 minutes 33 seconds East a distance of 2518.74 feet to the east line of said NE1/4-SW1/4, and there terminating.

The sidelines of said easement are prolonged or shortened to terminate on the east line of said NE1/4-SW1/4 and north line of said NW1/4-SW1/4.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the granting of this easement is conditioned upon payment of \$1,570.98 land use fee, \$393.87 timber damages, and \$46 recording fee; for a total of \$2,010.85, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).



EXHIBIT A

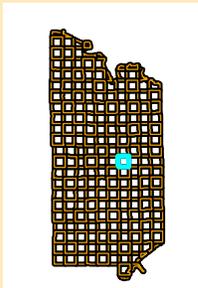


Section 29 T59N R15W Town of White

affects: Parcel Codes: 570-0035-00450, 00521

4th Commissioner District

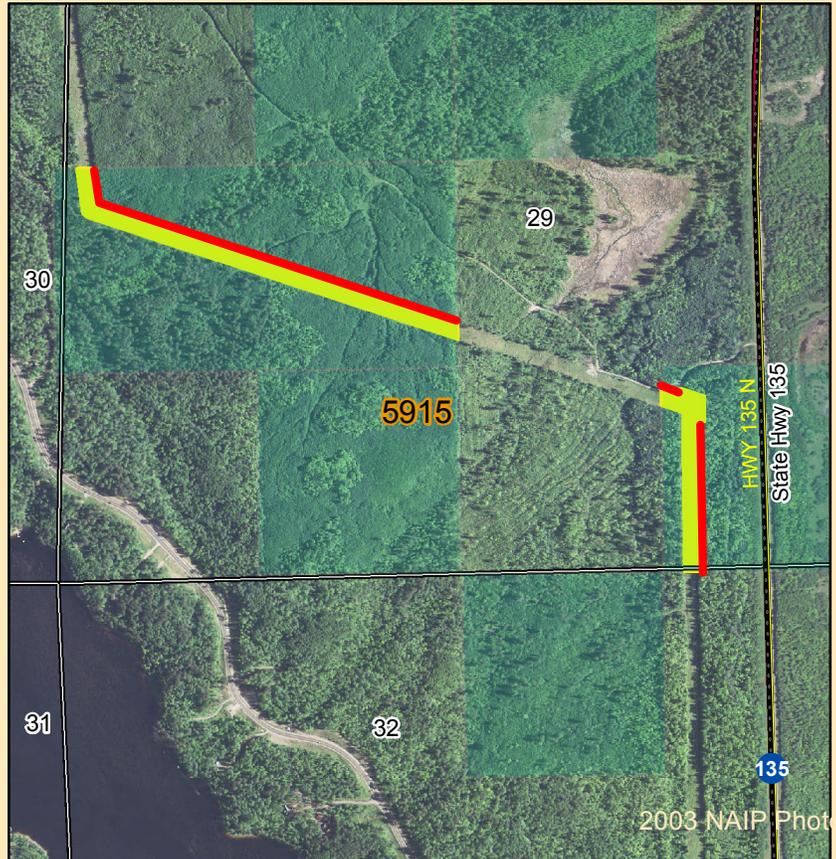
- State Tax Forfeited Land
- Water
- Road
- Area of Interest
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- Tract



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Reclassification of State Tax Forfeited Lands to Non-Conservation

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, All parcels of land becoming the property of the State of Minnesota in Trust through forfeiture for nonpayment of real estate taxes shall be classified or reclassified as conservation or non-conservation as required by Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 1; and

WHEREAS, The parcels described in the attached County Board File forfeited to the State of Minnesota for nonpayment of real estate taxes and were previously classified as conservation; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department has recommended that the parcels be reclassified as non-conservation and approved for sale after considering, among other things, the present use of adjacent land, the productivity of the soil, the character of forest or other growth, the accessibility of lands to established roads, schools, and other public services, and their peculiar suitability or desirability for particular uses; and

WHEREAS, These parcels of land may be located inside the boundaries of a municipality or town and Minn. Stat. § 282.01 provides that classification or reclassification and sale of lands situated within a municipality or town must be approved by the governing body of the municipality or town; and

WHEREAS, The reclassification and sale of the parcels will be deemed approved if the county board does not receive notice of the municipality's or town's disapproval of the reclassification and sale of any parcel within 60 days of the date on which this resolution is delivered to the clerk of the municipality or town in which the parcels are located;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the state tax forfeited parcels described in County Board File No. _____ shall be reclassified as non-conservation and offered for sale, and the request for approval of the reclassification shall be transmitted by the St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department to the clerk of the municipality or town in which the parcels are located.

RECLASSIFICATION OF STATE TAX FORFEITED LAND

PARCEL	LDKEY	TWP	RGE	SEC	LOT	BLK	PLAT	LEGAL	COMMENTS
010-0160-00410	26017	50	14	22	7	4	AXA DIVISION OF DULUTH	EX SLY 70 FT	This is a land locked non-conforming parcel
010-1280-00110	56254	50	14	27	3	1	FLEISCHER-CREMERS REARR BLK 56 3RD DIVISION	E 25 FT OF S 79 FT	
010-1350-02400	27712				61	93	DULUTH PROPER THIRD DIVISION	ALL EX PART IN BLVD	
010-1350-02430	27713				50	93	DULUTH PROPER THIRD DIVISION	BEGINNING AT A POINT 30FT S FROM THE NE CORNER OF LOT 50 BLK 93 D P 3RD DIV THENCE N 30FT THENCE W 50FT THENCE S 60FT THENCE E TO PLACE OF BEGINNING BEING PART OF LOT 50	Resolve private road encroachment.
010-1350-02450	27714				52	93	DULUTH PROPER THIRD DIVISION	BEGINNING AT A POINT 60FT S FROM NE CORNER OF LOT 52 BLK 93 D P 3RD DIV THENCE N 60FT THENCE W 50FT THENCE S 90FT THENCE TO PLACE OF BEGINNING BEING PART OF LOT 52	Resolve private road encroachment.
010-1350-02480	27715				54	93	DULUTH PROPER THIRD DIVISION	ALL THAT PART OF LOT 54 THAT LIES N AND W OF A LINE DRAWN FROM THE SW CORNER OF BLK 93 TO A POINT ON THE E LINE OF SAID BLK 30FT S OF NE CORNER	Resolve private road encroachment.
010-1350-02490	27716				56	93	DULUTH PROPER THIRD DIVISION	ALL THAT PART OF LOT 56 THAT LIES N AND W OF A LINE DRAWN FROM THE SW CORNER OF BLK 93 TO A POINT ON THE E LINE OF SAID BLK 30FT S OF NE CORNER	Resolve private road encroachment.
010-1350-02500	27717					93	DULUTH PROPER THIRD DIVISION	LOTS 58 THRU 64 EVEN NUMBERED LOTS	Resolve private road encroachment.
010-1350-02620	27723					94	DULUTH PROPER THIRD DIVISION	LOTS 66 THRU 80 EVEN NUMBERED LOTS	City of Duluth constructed roadway without acquisition or easement.
010-1350-05260	27748					112	DULUTH PROPER THIRD DIVISION	LOTS 49 THRU 57 ODD NUMBERED LOTS	
010-1350-05310	27749				59	112	DULUTH PROPER THIRD DIVISION	LOT: 0059 BLOCK:112	

<i>PARCEL</i>	<i>LDKEY</i>	<i>TWP</i>	<i>RGE</i>	<i>SEC</i>	<i>LOT</i>	<i>BLK</i>	<i>PLAT</i>	<i>LEGAL</i>	<i>COMMENTS</i>
010-1350-05320	27750				61	112	DULUTH PROPER THIRD DIVISION	LOT: 0061 BLOCK:112	
010-1350-05330	27751				63	112	DULUTH PROPER THIRD DIVISION	LOT: 0063 BLOCK:112	
010-1380-00270	27923	50	14	14	6	3	EAST LAWN DIVISION OF DULUTH	LOT 6 BLOCK 3 EAST LAWN DIVISION OF DULUTH	Vacant lot on West College Street across from UMD campus
010-1610-00320	28105				63	0	FOND DU LAC THIRD STREET DULUTH	LOT: 0063 BLOCK: 000 FOND DU LAC THIRD STREET DULUTH	MNDOT has requested a portion of the parcel for road maintenance purposes.
010-1610-00330	28106				65	0	FOND DU LAC THIRD STREET DULUTH	LOT: 0065 BLOCK: 000 FOND DU LAC THIRD STREET DULUTH	Adjacent to parcels being split for MNDOT acquisition (road maintenance).
010-2010-00680	29107				11	3	GREYSOLON FARMS 1ST DIVISION OF DULUTH	LOT: 0011 BLOCK:003	
010-2010-00690	29108				12	3	GREYSOLON FARMS 1ST DIVISION OF DULUTH	LOT: 0012 BLOCK:003	
010-2010-00700	29109				13	3	GREYSOLON FARMS 1ST DIVISION OF DULUTH	LOT: 0013 BLOCK:003	
010-2010-00710	29110				14	3	GREYSOLON FARMS 1ST DIVISION OF DULUTH	LOT: 0014 BLOCK:003	
010-2710-04272	30377	50	14	17				PART OF NW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 COMMENCING AT NW CORNER THENCE ELY TO EXTENDED ELY LINE OF BLK 1 HIGHLAND HILLS SUBDIVISION THE POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE CONTINUE ELY 457 78/100 FT THENCE SLY 168 56/100 FT THENCE WLY TO ELY LINE OF BLK 1 HIGHLAND HILLS THENCE NLY TO POINT OF BEGINNING	
010-2710-04274	30378	50	14	17				PART OF NW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 BEGINNING AT A POINT ON NLY LINE OF SAID FORTY 516 FT ELY OF EXTENDED ELY LINE OF BLK 1 HIGHLAND HILLS SUBDIVISION THENCE SLY 168 63/100 FT THENCE ELY TO WLY LINE OF BLK 5 HIGHLAND HILLS THENCE NLY TO NLY LINE OF SAID FORTY THENCE WLY TO POINT OF BEGINNING	
010-3030-04804	30979	50	13	7	0	101	LONDON ADDITION TO DULUTH	WEST 1/2 OF LOT 13 AND ALL OF LOT 14	

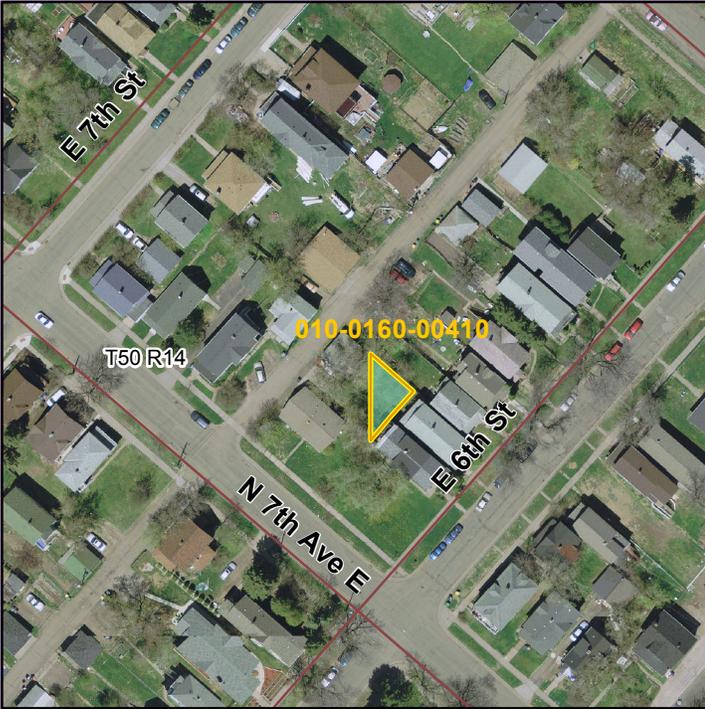
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010-3300-01460	72677				1	14	MORGAN PARK OF DULUTH	LOT: 0001 BLOCK:014	Reconveyed from School District. By statute, Parcel was required to be classified as non-conservation prior to the conveyance.
010-3300-01470	72678				2	14	MORGAN PARK OF DULUTH	LOT: 0002 BLOCK:014	reconveyed from School District.
010-3300-01480	72679				3	14	MORGAN PARK OF DULUTH	LOT: 0003 BLOCK:014	reconveyed from School District.
010-3300-01490	72680				4	14	MORGAN PARK OF DULUTH	LOT: 0004 BLOCK:014	reconveyed from School District.
010-3300-01500	72681				5	14	MORGAN PARK OF DULUTH	LOT: 0005 BLOCK:014	reconveyed from School District.
010-3300-01510	72682				6	14	MORGAN PARK OF DULUTH	LOT: 0006 BLOCK:014	reconveyed from School District.
010-3300-01520	72683				7	14	MORGAN PARK OF DULUTH	LOT: 0007 BLOCK:014	reconveyed from School District.
010-3300-01530	72684				8	14	MORGAN PARK OF DULUTH	LOT: 0008 BLOCK:014	reconveyed from School District.
010-3300-01540	72702				9	14	MORGAN PARK OF DULUTH	LOT: 0009 BLOCK:014	reconveyed from School District.
010-3300-01550	72703				10	14	MORGAN PARK OF DULUTH	LOT: 0010 BLOCK:014	reconveyed from School District.
010-3300-01560	72704				11	14	MORGAN PARK OF DULUTH	LOT: 0011 BLOCK:014	reconveyed from School District.
010-3300-01570	72705				12	14	MORGAN PARK OF DULUTH	LOT: 0012 BLOCK:014	reconveyed from School District.
010-3300-01580	72706				13	14	MORGAN PARK OF DULUTH	LOT: 0013 BLOCK:014	reconveyed from School District
010-3300-01590					14	14	MORGAN PARK OF DULUTH	LOT: 0014 BLOCK:014	reconveyed from School District.
010-3300-01600	72708				15	14	MORGAN PARK OF DULUTH	LOT: 0015 BLOCK:014	reconveyed from School District.
010-3330-01390	70329	50	14	12	0	15	REARRANGEMENT MORLEY HEIGHTS 1ST ADDITION DUL	LOTS 1 THRU 13 EX PART TAKEN FOR WIDENIN SNIVELY ROAD, LOTS 37 THRU 39 & OUTLOT B	This parcel has not been classified for a conservation / non- conservation status...
010-3540-00010	31984				0	1	NORTONS STEEL PLANT DIVISION OF DULUTH	LOTS 1 THRU 5 INC VAC ALLEY ADJ & INC VAC ALLEY LYING N OF LOT 4	

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010-3540-00060	31985				6	1	NORTONS STEEL PLANT DIVISION OF DULUTH	INC PART OF VAC ALLEY ADJ	
010-3540-00070	31986				0	1	NORTONS STEEL PLANT DIVISION OF DULUTH	LOTS 7 THRU 10 INC PART OF VAC ALLEY ADJ	
010-3540-00110	31987				11	1	NORTONS STEEL PLANT DIVISION OF DULUTH	INC PART OF VAC ALLEY ADJ	
010-3540-00120	319880				12	1	NORTONS STEEL PLANT DIVISION OF DULUTH	INC PART OF VAC ALLEY ADJ	Chad Kaspari needs for septic 7/17/2012 (damaged in 2012 flood)
010-3540-00130	31989				13	1	NORTONS STEEL PLANT DIVISION OF DULUTH	INC PART OF VAC ALLEY ADJ	Chad Kaspari needs for septic 7/17/2012 (damaged in 2012 flood)
010-3540-00140	31990				14	1	NORTONS STEEL PLANT DIVISION OF DULUTH	INC PART OF VAC ALLEY ADJ	also parcels 130, 150
010-3540-00150	31991				15	1	NORTONS STEEL PLANT DIVISION OF DULUTH	EX THE SELY 20 FT	also 130, 140 (possible septic)
010-3540-01830	32047	48	15	3	3	6	NORTONS STEEL PLANT DIVISION OF DULUTH	LOT 3 BLOCK 6 NORTONS STEEL PLANT DIVISION OF DULUTH	
010-3540-01850	32048	48	15	3	5	6	NORTONS STEEL PLANT DIVISION OF DULUTH	LOT 5 BLOCK 6 NORTONS STEEL PLANT DIVISION OF DULUTH	Shed, concrete driveway apron and gravel driveway all in trespass... Check for status of lease...
010-3980-00650	32385				8	4	RIVERSIDE PARK 2ND ADDITION TO DULUTH	LOT: 0008 BLOCK:004	for new septic system
010-3980-00660	32386				9	4	RIVERSIDE PARK 2ND ADDITION TO DULUTH	LOT: 0009 BLOCK:004	for new septic system
010-3980-00670	32387				10	4	RIVERSIDE PARK 2ND ADDITION TO DULUTH	LOT: 0010 BLOCK:004	for new septic system
141-0020-03776	117690	57	20	28	0	0		UND 1/2 OF ELY 69 FT OF WLY 564 FT OF NW1/4 OF NE1/4 EX HWY R/W	UND 1/2 interest has forfeited...
560-0011-04320	46576	61	16	27			VERMILION LAKE	SW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 COPPER NICKEL LEASE #8653	Pending Minerals review
625-0010-00711	71661	61	13	5			UNORG	S1/2 OF S1/2 OF NW1/4 OF SE1/4	check for lot of record



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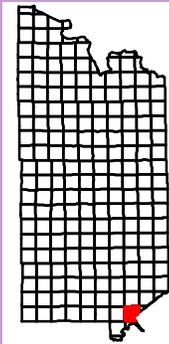


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 LOT 7 BLOCK 4 EX SLY 70 FT
 AXA DIVISION OF DULUTH
 Parcel Code: 010-0160-00410

City of Duluth Sec 27 Twp 50 Rge 14
 E 25 FT OF S 79 FT LOT 3 BLOCK 1
 FLEISCHER-CREMERS REARR BLK 56 3RD DIVISION
 Parcel Code: 010-1280-00110

Commissioner District # 1

-  State Tax Forfeited Land
-  Water
-  Road
-  Area of Interest
-  Tract



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 LOT 6 BLOCK 3
 EAST LAWN DIVISION OF DULUTH
 Parcel Code: 010-1380-00270



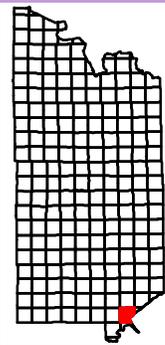
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City of Duluth Sec 27, 28 Twp 50 Rge 14

LOT 61 BLOCK 93 ALL EX PART IN BLVD

Parcel Code: 010-1350-02400

BEGINNING AT A POINT 30FT S FROM THE NE CORNER OF LOT 50 BLK 93 D P 3RD DIV THENCE N 30FT THENCE W 50FT THENCE S 60FT THENCE E TO PLACE OF BEGINNING BEING PART OF LOT 50

Parcel Code: 010-1350-02430

BEGINNING AT A POINT 60FT S FROM NE CORNER OF LOT 52 BLK 93 D P 3RD DIV THENCE N 60FT THENCE W 50FT THENCE S 90FT THENCE TO PLACE OF BEGINNING BEING PART OF LOT 52

Parcel Code: 010-1350-02450

ALL THAT PART OF LOT 54 THAT LIES N AND W OF A LINE DRAWN FROM THE SW CORNER OF BLK 93 TO A POINT ON THE E LINE OF SAID BLK 30FT S OF NE CORNER

Parcel Code: 010-1350-02480

ALL THAT PART OF LOT 56 THAT LIES N AND W OF A LINE DRAWN FROM THE SW CORNER OF BLK 93 TO A POINT ON THE E LINE OF SAID BLK 30FT S OF NE CORNER

Parcel Code: 010-1350-02490

LOTS 58 THRU 64 EVEN NUMBERED LOTS

Parcel Code: 010-1350-02500

LOTS 66 THRU 80 EVEN NUMBERED LOTS

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LOTS 49 THRU 57 ODD NUMBERED LOTS

Parcel Code: 010-1350-05260

LOTS 59, 61, 63 BLOCK 112

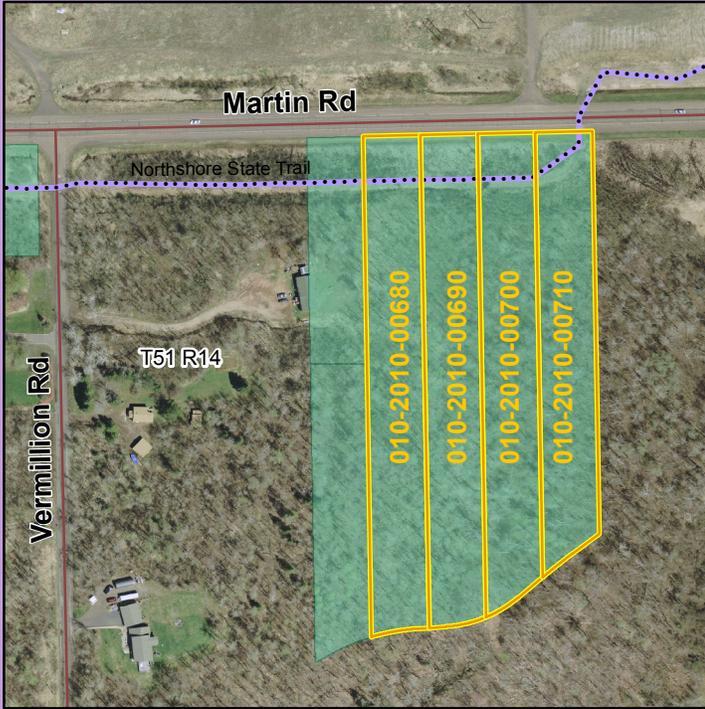
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DULUTH PROPER THIRD DIVISION



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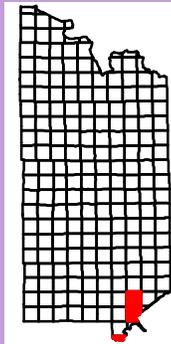
City of Duluth Sec 36 Twp 51 Rge 14
 LOTS 11, 12, 13, 14 BLOCK 3
 GREYSOLON FARMS 1ST DIVISION OF DULUTH
 Parcel Codes: 010-2010-00680, 00690, 00700, 00710



City of Duluth Sec 17 Twp 50 Rge 14
 PART OF NW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 COMMENCING AT NW CORNER THENCE ELY TO EXTENDED ELY LINE OF BLK 1 HIGHLAND HILLS SUBDIVISION THE POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE CONTINUE ELY 457 78/100 FT THENCE SLY 168 56/100 FT THENCE WLY TO ELY LINE OF BLK 1 HIGHLAND HILLS THENCE NLY TO POINT OF BEGINNING
 Parcel Code: 010-2710-04272
 PART OF NW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 BEGINNING AT A POINT ON NLY LINE OF SAID FORTY 516 FT ELY OF EXTENDED ELY LINE OF BLK 1 HIGHLAND HILLS SUBDIVISION THENCE SLY 168 63/100 FT THENCE ELY TO WLY LINE OF BLK 5 HIGHLAND HILLS THENCE NLY TO NLY LINE OF SAID FORTY THENCE WLY TO POINT OF BEGINNING
 Parcel Code: 010-2710-04274

Commissioner Districts # 1, 2, 5

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City of Duluth Sec 8 Twp 48 Rge 15
 LOTS 63, 65 BLOCK 0
 FOND DU LAC THIRD STREET DULUTH
 Parcel Codes: 010-1610-00320, 00330



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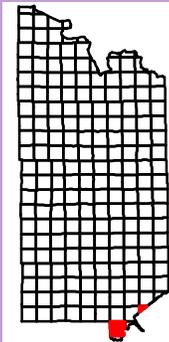
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City of Duluth Sec 7 Twp 50 Rge 13
 WEST 1/2 OF LOT 13 AND ALL OF LOT 14
 BLOCK 101
 LONDON ADDITION TO DULUTH
 Parcel Code: 010-3030-04804

Commissioner Districts # 2, 3

-  State Tax Forfeited Land
-  Water
-  Road
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-  Tract

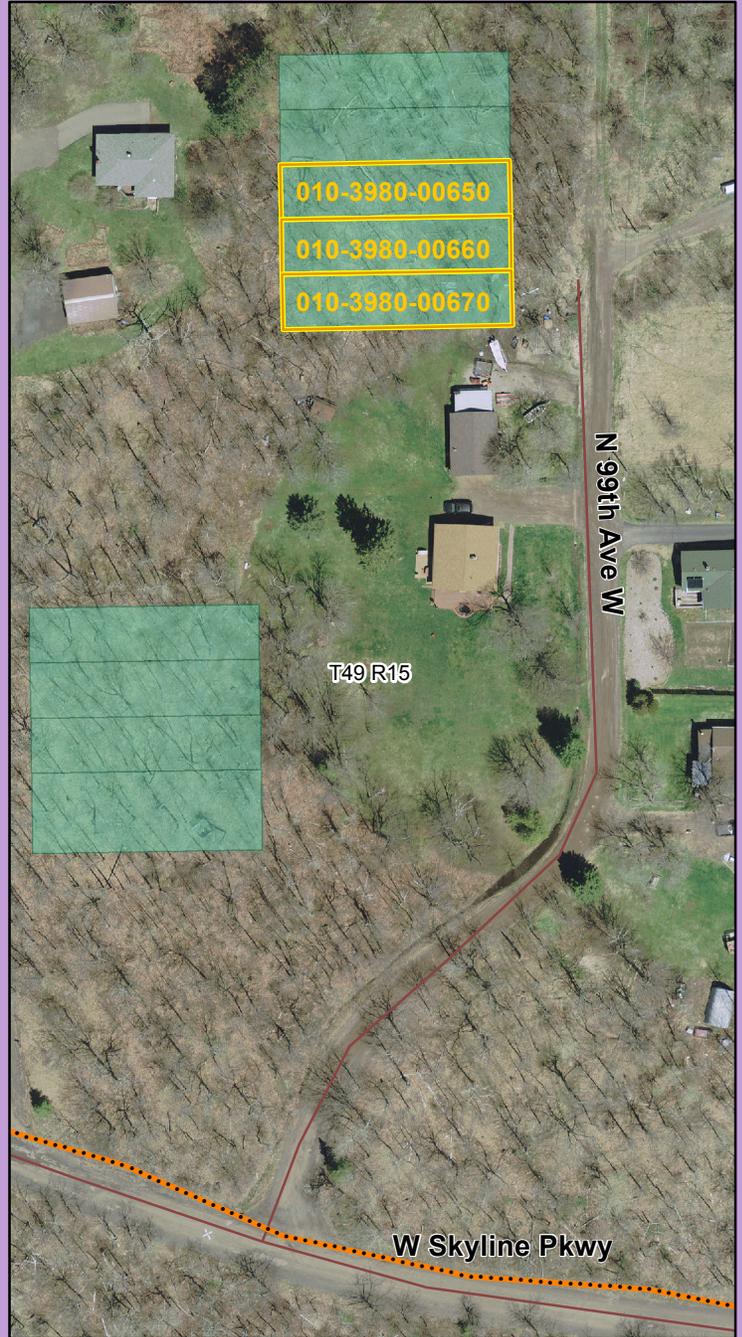


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City of Duluth Sec 27 Twp 49 Rge 15

LOT 8 BLOCK 4
Parcel Code: 010-3980-00650

LOT 9 BLOCK 4
Parcel Code: 010-3980-00660

LOT 10 BLOCK 4
Parcel Code: 010-3980-00670

RIVERSIDE PARK 2ND ADDITION TO DULUTH



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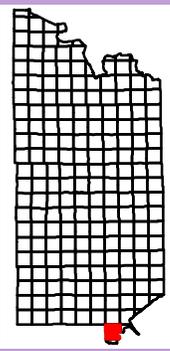
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Map 5



Commissioner District # 3

- State Tax Forfeited Land
- Water
- Road
- Area of Interest
- Tract



St. Louis County, Minnesota

City of Duluth

Sec 35 Twp 49 Rge 15

- Lot 1 Block 14
Parcel Code: 010-3300-01460
- Lot 2 Block 14
Parcel Code: 010-3300-01470
- Lot 3 Block 14
Parcel Code: 010-3300-01480
- Lot 4 Block 14
Parcel Code: 010-3300-01490
- Lot 5 Block 14
Parcel Code: 010-3300-01500
- Lot 6 Block 14
Parcel Code: 010-3300-01510
- Lot 7 Block 14
Parcel Code: 010-3300-01520
- Lot 8 Block 14
Parcel Code: 010-3300-01530

- Lot 9 Block 14
Parcel Code: 010-3300-01540
- Lot 10 Block 14
Parcel Code: 010-3300-01550
- Lot 11 Block 14
Parcel Code: 010-3300-01560
- Lot 12 Block 14
Parcel Code: 010-3300-01570
- Lot 13 Block 14
Parcel Code: 010-3300-01580
- Lot 14 Block 14
Parcel Code: 010-3300-01590
- Lot 15 Block 14
Parcel Code: 010-3300-01600

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MORGAN PARK OF DULUTH



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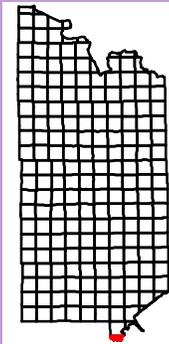
Reclassification of State Tax Forfeited Land as Non-Conservation



City of Duluth Sec 3 Twp 48 Rge 15 NORTONS STEEL PLANT DIVISION OF DULUTH
 LOTS 1 THRU 5 INC VAC ALLEY ADJ & INC VAC ALLEY LYING N OF LOT 4 BLOCK 1
 Parcel Code: 010-3540-00010
 LOT 6 INC PART OF VAC ALLEY ADJ BLOCK 1 Parcel Code: 010-3540-00060
 LOTS 7 THRU 10 INC PART OF VAC ALLEY ADJ BLOCK 1 Parcel Code: 010-3540-00070
 LOTS 11, 12, 13, 14 INC PART OF VAC ALLEY ADJ BLOCK 1
 Parcel Codes: 010-3540-00110, 00120, 00130, 00140
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Commissioner District # 5

- State Tax Forfeited Land
- Water
- Road
- Area of Interest
- Tract

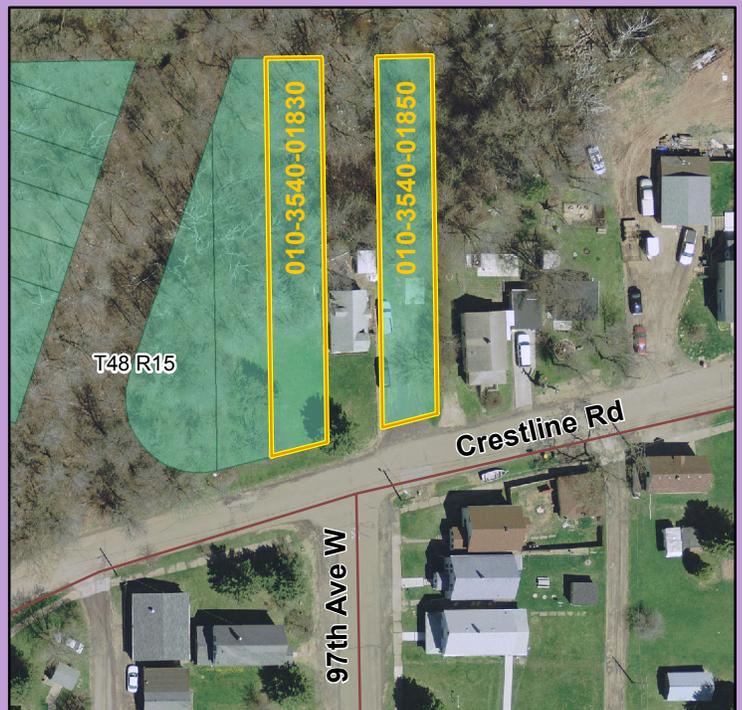


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City of Duluth Sec 3 Twp 48 Rge 15
 LOT 3 also LOT 5 BLOCK 6
 NORTONS STEEL PLANT DIVISION OF DULUTH
 Parcel Codes: 010-03540-01830, 01850

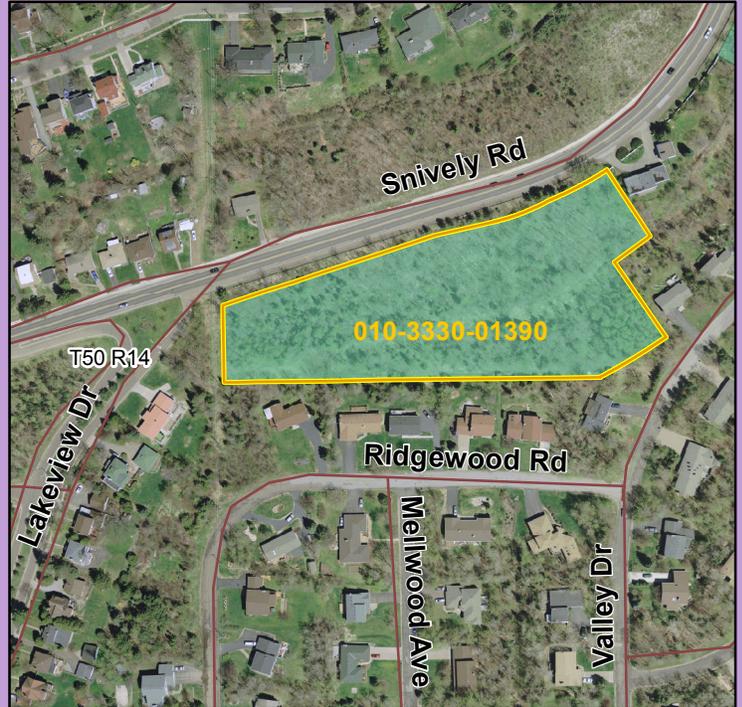


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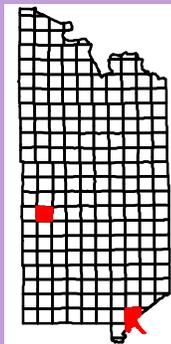
City of Duluth Sec 5 Twp 49 Rge 14
 W 15 FT OF S 63 FT OF LOT 11 AND W 12
 1/2 FT OF N 37 FT OF LOT 11, BLOCK 16
 WEST PARK DIVISION OF DULUTH
 Parcel Code: 010-4570-01726



City of Duluth Sec 12 Twp 50 Rge 14
 LOTS 1 THRU 13 EX PART TAKEN FOR WIDENIN
 SNIVELY ROAD, LOTS 37 THRU 39 & OUTLOT B,
 BLOCK 15
 REARRANGEMENT MORLEY HEIGHTS 1ST ADDITION
 Parcel Code: 010-3330-01390

Commissioner Districts # 2, 3, 7

- State Tax Forfeited Land
- Water
- Road
- Area of Interest
- Tract

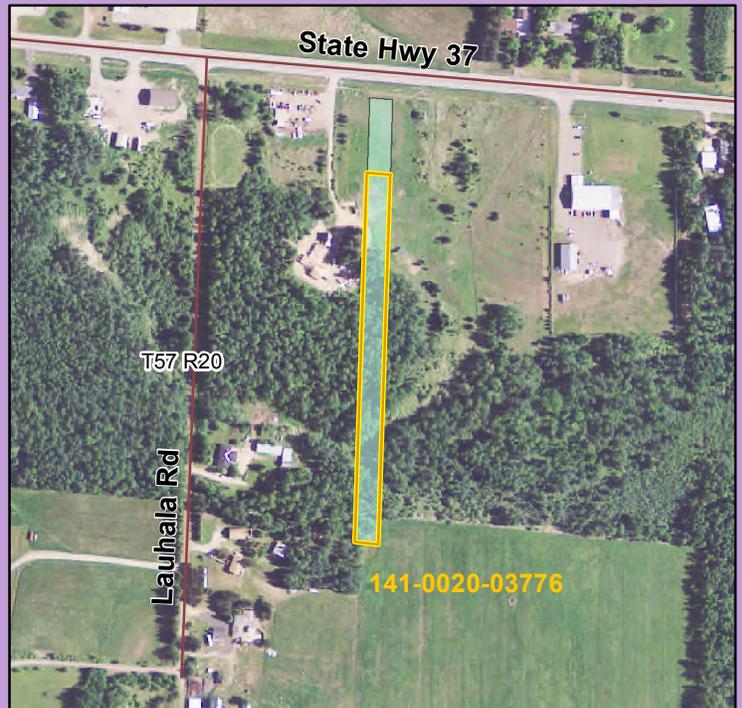


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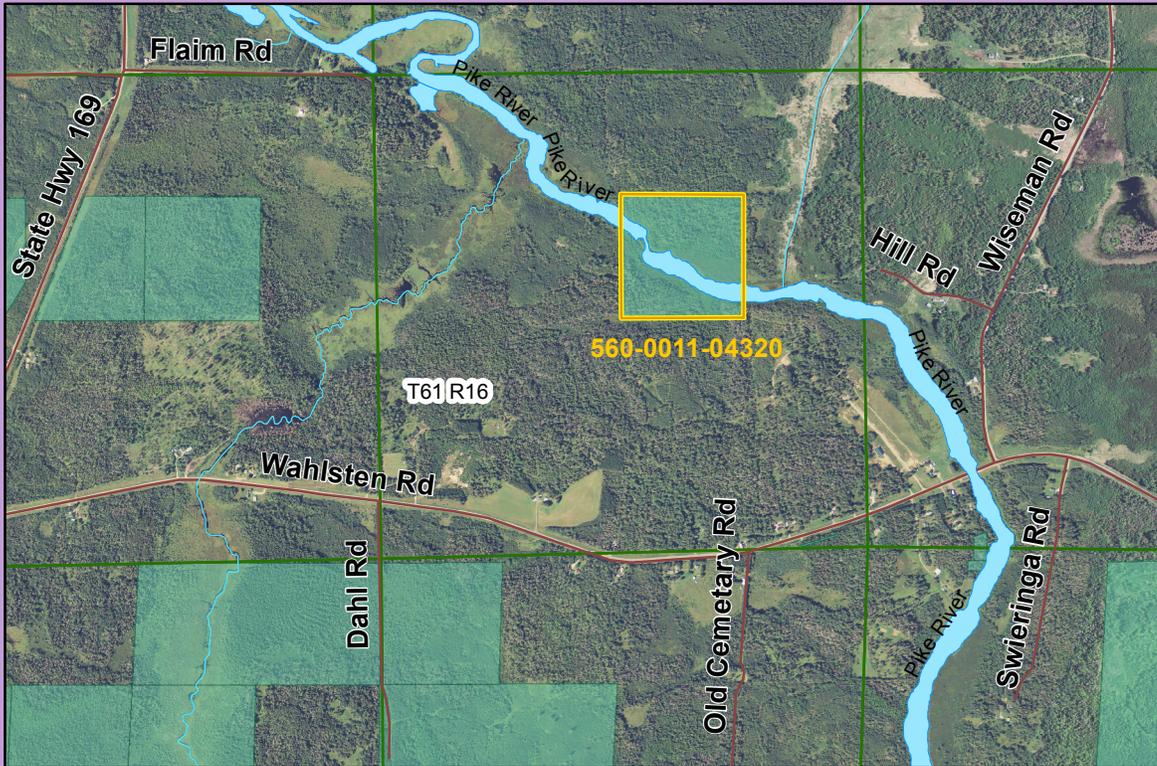


City of Hibbing Sec 28 Twp 57 Rge 20
 UND 1/2 OF ELY 69 FT OF WLY 564 FT OF NW1/4
 OF NE1/4 EX HWY R/W
 SEC 28 TWP 57 RGE 20
 Parcel Code: 141-0020-03776



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Reclassification of State Tax Forfeited Land as Non-Conservation



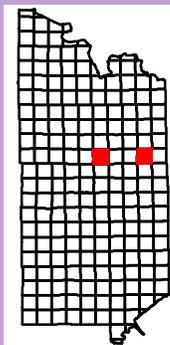
Town of Vermilion Lake

**SW 1/4 OF NE 1/4
SEC 27 TWP 61 RGE 16**

Parcel Code: 560-0011-04320

Commissioner District # 4

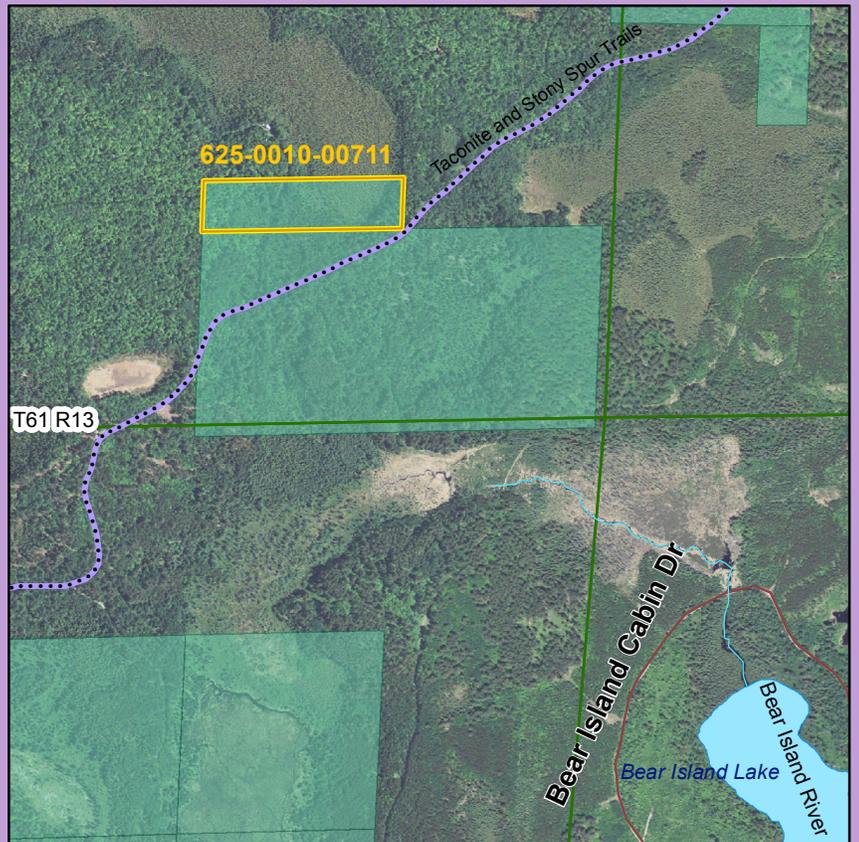
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**S1/2 OF S1/2 OF NW1/4 OF SE1/4
SEC 5 TWP 61 RGE 13**

Parcel Code: 625-0010-00711

BOARD LETTER NO. 13 - 203

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 7

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 28, 2013

RE: Repurchase of State Tax
Forfeited Land - Lee,
Hasselblad, Stoudt

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Mark Weber, Interim Director
Land and Minerals

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To provide financial return to the county and taxing districts.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to approve applications to repurchase state tax forfeited lands.

BACKGROUND:

Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides for state tax forfeited land to be repurchased by the previous owners subject to payment equivalent to the delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, costs, and interest. The properties to be repurchased forfeited to the State of Minnesota on November 30, 2012. The repurchase deadline for these non-homestead properties is November 29, 2013. Thomas Lee of Duluth, MN, Donald & Jean Hasselblad of Spring Creek, NV, and James & Carol Stoudt of Boone, NC have made application to repurchase these properties and are eligible to repurchase the properties.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board approve the repurchase requests of Thomas Lee of Duluth, MN, Donald & Jean Hasselblad of Spring Creek, NV, and James & Carol Stoudt of Boone, NC. The repurchase fees listed below are to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

Thomas Lee, Duluth, MN

Parcel Code	010-3830-15530
Taxes and Assessments	\$16,010.99
Service Fees	\$114.00
Deed Tax	\$52.84
Deed Fee	\$25.00
Recording Fee	\$46.00
Total Consideration	\$16,248.83

Donald & Jean Hasselblad, Spring Creek, NV

Parcel Code	030-0372-00160
Taxes and Assessments	\$8,924.79
Service Fees	\$114.00
Deed Tax	\$29.45
Deed Fee	\$25.00
Recording Fee	\$46.00
Total Consideration	\$9,139.24

James & Carol Stoudt, Boone, NC

Parcel Code	643-0010-04130
Taxes and Assessments	\$716.34
Service Fees	\$114.00
Deed Tax	\$2.36
Deed Fee	\$25.00
Recording Fee	\$46.00
Total Consideration	\$903.70

James & Carole Stoudt, Boone, NC

Parcel Code	643-0010-04040
Taxes and Assessments	\$2,549.95
Service Fees	\$114.00
Deed Tax	\$8.41
Deed Fee	\$25.00
Recording Fee	\$46.00
Total Consideration	\$2,743.36

Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land - Lee

BY COMMISSIONER: _____

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax forfeited land may be repurchased by the previous owner subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, costs, and interest; and

WHEREAS, The applicant, Thomas Lee of Duluth, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

CITY OF DULUTH
LOT 10 AND WLY 10 FT OF LOT 11 INC VAC
20 FT OF E 4TH ST BLOCK 98
PORTLAND DIV OF DULUTH
PARCEL: 010-3830-15530

WHEREAS, The applicant was the owner of record at the time of forfeiture and is eligible to repurchase the property; and

WHEREAS, Approving the repurchase will correct undue hardship and promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by Thomas Lee of Duluth, MN, on file in County Board File No. __, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$16,010.99, service fee of \$114, deed tax of \$52.84, deed fee of \$25, and recording fee of \$46; for a total of \$16,248.83, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

APPLICATION FOR REPURCHASE OF TAX FORFEITED LANDS

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1986, Section 282.241, as amended by Chapter 268, Laws of 1987,

TO THE COUNTY BOARD AND COUNTY AUDITOR OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA:

The undersigned, Wells Fargo Bank, hereby makes application to repurchase from the State of Minnesota the following described land, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1987, Section 282.241, as amended; said land is situated in St. Louis County, Minnesota, and more particularly described as follows:

CITY OF DULUTH, LOT 10 AND WLY 10 FT OF LOT 11 INC VAC 20 FT OF E 4TH ST, BLOCK 98, PORTLAND DIV OF DULUTH

Applicant states and shows that at the time of the forfeiture to the State, he/she was (please check one):

- the owner
- heir(s) of the owner
- the representative of the owner
- the person to whom the right to pay taxes is given by statute, to wit:
- designating under what claim of right, whether mortgage or otherwise the right is exercised

That such taxes became delinquent in 2006 and remained delinquent and unpaid for the subsequent years of: 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012

That pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, the total cost of repurchase \$16,248.83 which is the greater value of all delinquent taxes and assessments computed under Section 282.241, together with all accrued interest and penalties, including fees. Please contact our office at 218-726-2606 for the current amount due which increases monthly.

That a hardship would result to the petitioner unless said repurchase is allowed for the reason that applicant to state reasons why taxes were not paid:

Homeowner failed to pay taxes, Wells Fargo Real Estate Tax Services are protecting our lien interest in the property.

Please check the appropriate box below:

- There are one or more wells on this property (See enclosed well disclosure information sheet)
- No change since last well certificate
- There are no wells on this property
- Well disclosure completed - \$50.00 enclosed

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT REPURCHASE BE MADE IN THE NAME OF:

Name (s): ~~Wells Fargo Bank~~ Thomas E. Lee

Are you currently in active military service? _____

If you have been discharged within the last 6 months, provide discharge date _____ and documentation.

Applicant offers to pay upon such repurchase, by check or money order, as directed by the St. Louis County Board, the full price of repurchase as stated above, the terms of which will be stated by the contract and required by law.

Dated: May 1st 2013

By: *Butterfly O'Neil* - Loan Servicing Specialist, Wells Fargo Real Estate Tax Services (Signature)

Address: Wells Fargo Home Mortgage; 1 Home Campus, City: Des Moines State: IA Zip: 50328 MAC # X2301-033 Phone: 515-324-3088



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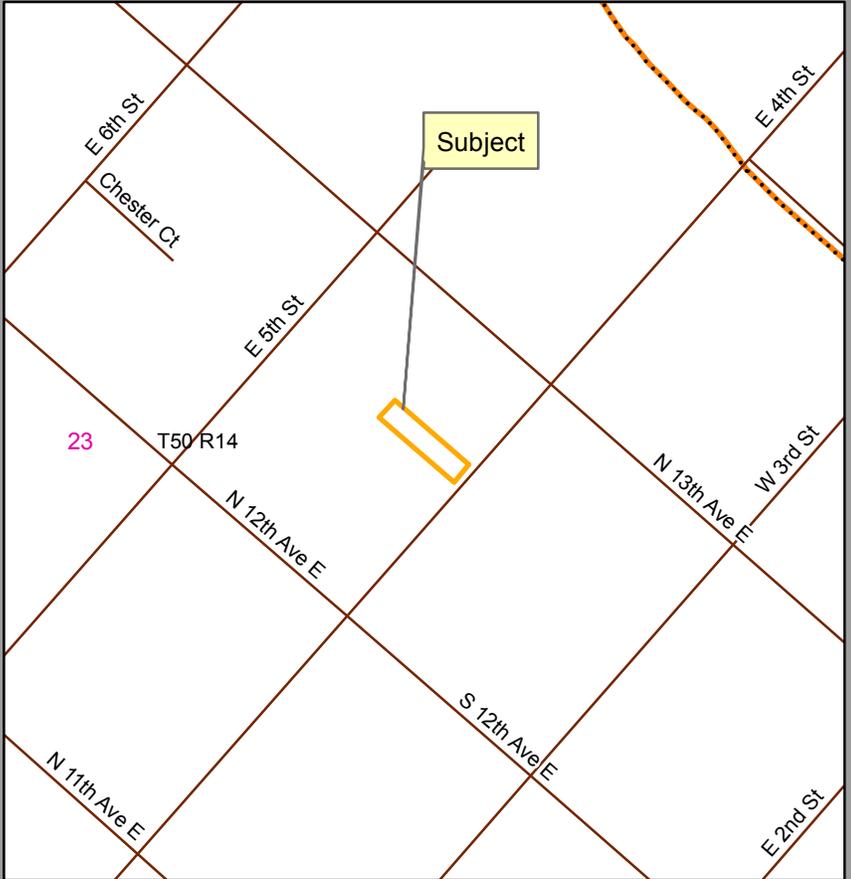
Repurchase of Property

Legal : CITY OF DULUTH
LOT 10 AND WLY 10 FT OF LOT 11
INC VAC 20 FT OF E 4TH ST, BLOCK 98
PORTLAND DIV OF DULUTH

Parcel Code : 010-3830-15530

LDKEY : 72575

Address: 1219 E 4TH ST
Duluth 55805



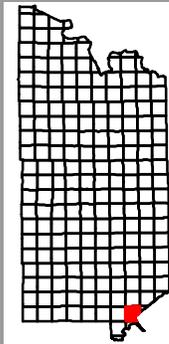
City of Duluth

Sec: 23 Twp: 50 Rng: 14



Commissioner District # 2

- State Tax Forfeited Land
- Water
- Road
- Area of Interest
- Tract



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Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land - Hasselblad

BY COMMISSIONER: _____

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax forfeited land may be repurchased by the previous owners subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, costs, and interest; and

WHEREAS, The applicants, Donald & Jean Hasselblad of Spring Creek, NV, have applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

CITY OF ELY

LOT 10 AND W 12 1/2 FT OF LOT 11 BLOCK 2

WHITESIDES 2ND ADDITION TO ELY

PARCEL: 030-0372-00160

WHEREAS, The applicants were the owners of record at the time of forfeiture and are eligible to repurchase the property; and

WHEREAS, Approving the repurchase will correct undue hardship and promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by Donald & Jean Hasselblad of Spring Creek, NV, on file in County Board File No. _____, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$8,924.79, service fee of \$114, deed tax of \$29.45, deed fee of \$25, and recording fee of \$46; for a total of \$9,139.24, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

APPLICATION FOR REPURCHASE OF TAX FORFEITED LANDS

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1986, Section 282.241, as amended by Chapter 268, Laws of 1987.

TO THE COUNTY BOARD AND COUNTY AUDITOR OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA:

The undersigned, Donald T Hasselblad ETUX, hereby makes application to repurchase from the State of Minnesota the following described land, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1987, Section 282.241, as amended; said land is situated in St. Louis County, Minnesota, and more particularly described as follows:

CITY OF ELY, LOT 10 AND W 12 1/2 FT OF LOT 11, BLOCK 2, WHITESIDES 2ND ADDITION TO ELY

Applicant states and shows that at the time of the forfeiture to the State, he/she was (please check one):

- the owner
- heir(s) of the owner
- the representative of the owner
- the person to whom the right to pay taxes is given by statute, to wit:
- designating under what claim of right, whether mortgage or otherwise the right is exercised

That such taxes became delinquent in 2006 and remained delinquent and unpaid for the subsequent years of: 2008,2009,2010,2011,2012

That pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, the total cost of repurchase \$8,986.85 which is the greater value of all delinquent taxes and assessments computed under Section 282.241, together with all accrued interest and penalties, including fees. Please contact our office at 218-726-2606 for the current amount due which increases monthly.

That a hardship would result to the petitioner unless said repurchase is allowed, for the reason that:

applicant to state reasons why taxes were not paid.

FINACIAL HARD SHIP DUE TO MEDICAL EXPENSES

Please check the appropriate box below:

- There are one or more wells on this property (See enclosed well disclosure information sheet)
- No change since last well certificate Well disclosure completed - \$50.00 enclosed
- There are no wells on this property

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT REPURCHASE BE MADE IN THE NAME OF:

Name (s): Donald T Hasselblad

Are you currently in active military service? NO

If you have been discharged within the last 6 months, provide discharge date _____ and documentation.

Applicant offers to pay upon such repurchase, by check or money order, as directed by the St. Louis County Board, the full price of repurchase as stated above, the terms of which will be stated by the contract and required by law.

Dated: 4/ 20 13

By: Donald T Hasselblad
(Signature)

Address: 662 N Dillow Dr
City: Spring Creek State: NV Zip: 89815
Phone: 775-738-1117



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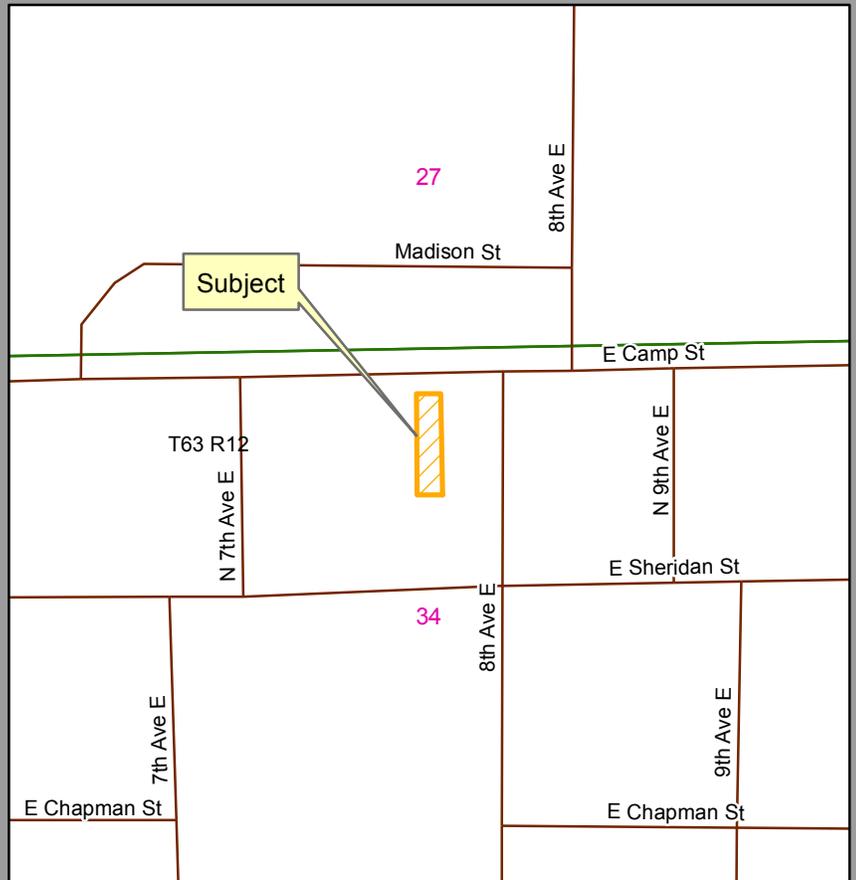
Repurchase of Property

Legal : CITY OF ELY
LOT 10 AND W 12 1/2 FT OF LOT 11
BLOCK 2, WHITESIDES 2ND ADDITION
TO ELY

Parcel Code : 030-0372-00160

LDKEY : 72596

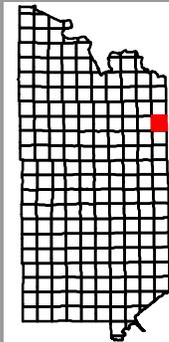
Address: 738 E Camp St
Ely, MN



City of Ely Sec: 34 Twp: 63 Rng: 12

Commissioner District # 4

-  State Tax Forfeited Land
-  Water
-  Road
-  Area of Interest
-  Tract



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Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land - Stoudt

BY COMMISSIONER: _____

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax forfeited land may be repurchased by the previous owners subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, costs, and interest; and

WHEREAS, The applicants, James & Carol Stoudt of Boone, NC, have applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

UNORGANIZED 57 14
NE 1/4 OF SE 1/4
SEC 27 TWP 57 RGE 14
PARCEL: 643-0010-04130

WHEREAS, The applicants were the owners of record at the time of forfeiture and are eligible to repurchase the property; and

WHEREAS, Approving the repurchase will correct undue hardship and promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by James & Carol Stoudt of Boone, NC, on file in County Board File No. _____, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$716.34, service fee of \$114, deed tax of \$2.36, deed fee of \$25, and recording fee of \$46; for a total of \$903.70, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

APPLICATION FOR REPURCHASE OF TAX FORFEITED LANDS

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1986, Section 282.241, as amended by Chapter 268, Laws of 1987.

TO THE COUNTY BOARD AND COUNTY AUDITOR OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA:

The undersigned, James RStoudt & Carol C Stoudt, hereby makes application to repurchase from the State of Minnesota the following described land, pursuant to Minnesota Statues 1987, Section 282.241, as amended; said land is situated in St. Louis County, Minnesota, and more particularly described as follows:

UNORGANIZED 57 14, NE 1/4 OF SE 1/4, Sec 27 Twp 57 Rge 14

Applicant states and shows that at the time of the forfeiture to the State, he/she was (please check one):

- the owner
- heir(s) of the owner
- the representative of the owner
- the person to whom the right to pay taxes is given by statue, to wit:
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That such taxes became dclinqunt in 2006 and remained delinquent and unpaid for the subsequent years of: 2007,2008,2009,2010,2011,2012.

That pursuant to Minnesota Statues, the total cost of repurchase 903,170 ~~\$899.53~~ which is the greater value of all delinquent taxes and assessments computed under Section 282.241, together with all accrued interest and penalties, including fees. Please contact our office at 218-726-2606 for the current amount due which increases monthly.

That a hardship would result to the petitioner unless said repurchase is allowed, for the reason that: applicant to state reasons why taxes were not paid.

We did not have money to pay the taxes due to unemployment status.

Please check the appropriate box below:

- There are one or more wells on this property (See enclosed well disclosure information sheet)
- No change since last well certificate Well disclosure completed - \$50.00 enclosed
- There are no wells on this property

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT REPURCHASE BE MADE IN THE NAME OF:

Name (s): James R Stoudt and Carol C Stoudt

Are you currently in active military service? no

If you have been discharged within the last 6 months, provide discharge date na and documentation.

Applicant offers to pay upon such repurchase, by check or money order, as directed by the St. Louis County Board, the full price of repurchase as stated above, the terms of which will be stated by the contract and required by law.

Dated: 5-2 2013

By: Carol C Stoudt
(Signature)

Address: 156 Skyview Drive
City: Boone State: NC Zip: 28607
Phone: 828-719-9303



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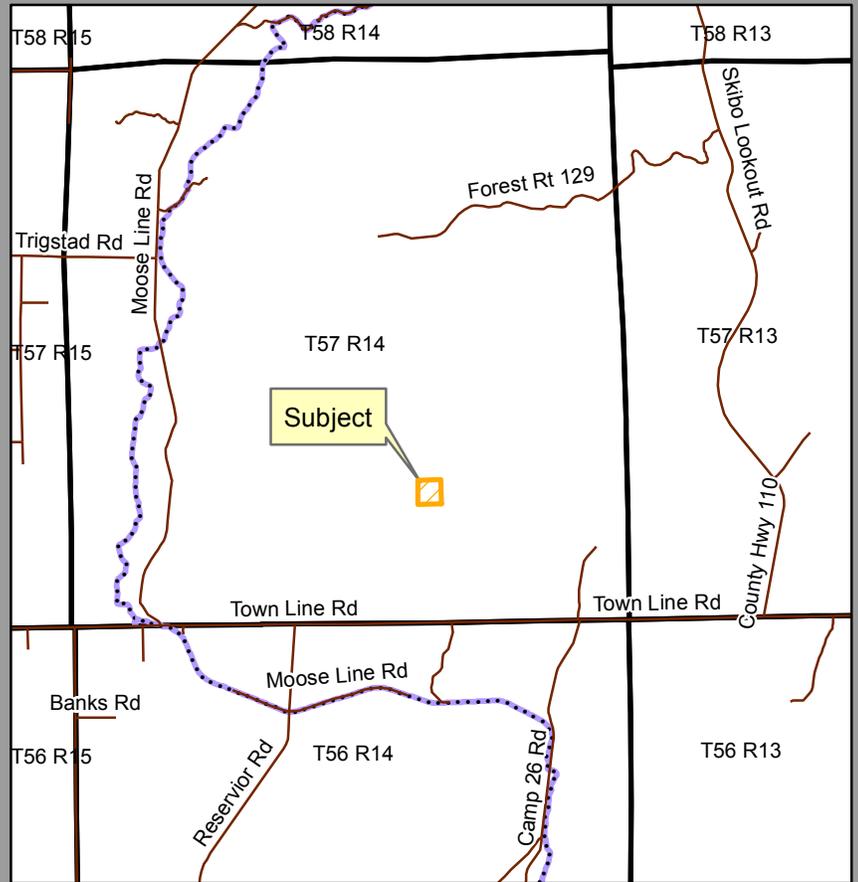
Repurchase of Property

Legal : UNORGANIZED 57 14
NE 1/4 OF SE 1/4
Sec 27 Twp 57 Rge 14

Parcel Code : 643-0010-04130

LDKEY : 72634

Acres: 40.00

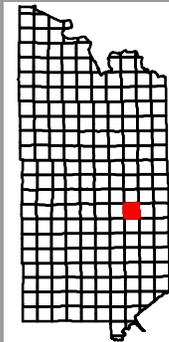


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Sec: 27 Twp: 57 Rng: 14

Commissioner District # 4

- State Tax Forfeited Land
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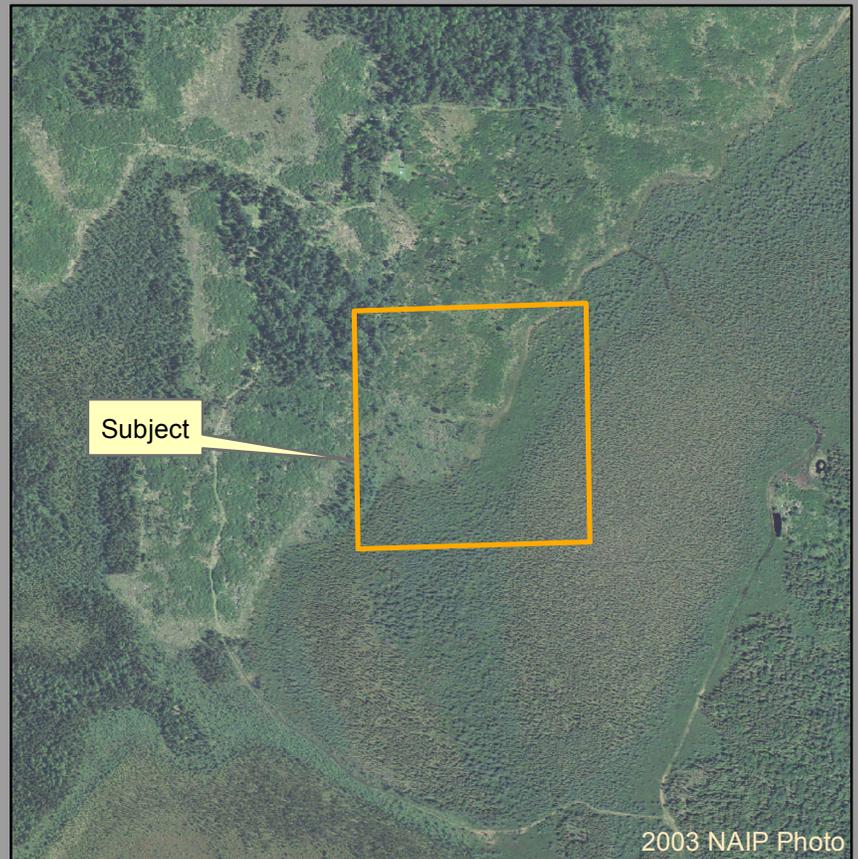


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Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land - Stoudt

BY COMMISSIONER: _____

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WHEREAS, The applicants, James & Carol Stoudt of Boone, NC, have applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

UNORGANIZED 57 14
SE1/4 OF NE1/4 EX NLY 435 FT OF ELY 200 FT
SEC 27 TWP 57 RGE 14
PARCEL: 643-0010-04040

WHEREAS, The applicants were the owners of record at the time of forfeiture and are eligible to repurchase the property; and

WHEREAS, Approving the repurchase will correct undue hardship and promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by James & Carol Stoudt of Boone, NC, on file in County Board File No. _____, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$2,549.95, service fee of \$114, deed tax of \$8.41, deed fee of \$25, and recording fee of \$46; for a total of \$2,743.36, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

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TO THE COUNTY BOARD AND COUNTY AUDITOR OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA:

The undersigned, James R & Carol C Stoudt, hereby makes application to repurchase from the State of Minnesota the following described land, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1987, Section 282.241, as amended; said land is situated in St. Louis County, Minnesota, and more particularly described as follows:

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That such taxes became delinquent in 2006 and remained delinquent and unpaid for the subsequent years of: 2007,2008,2009,2010,2011,2012

That pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, the total cost of repurchase \$2,729.62 ^{\$ 2743.36} which is the greater value of all delinquent taxes and assessments computed under Section 282.241, together with all accrued interest and penalties, including fees. **Please contact our office at 218-726-2606 for the current amount due which increases monthly.**

That a hardship would result to the petitioner unless said repurchase is allowed, for the reason that: **applicant to state reasons why taxes were not paid.**

We did not pay the taxes due to being unemployed. We did not have the money to pay them.

Please check the appropriate box below:

- There are one or more wells on this property (See enclosed well disclosure information sheet)
- No change since last well certificate Well disclosure completed - \$50.00 enclosed
- There are no wells on this property

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT REPURCHASE BE MADE IN THE NAME OF:

Name (s): James R Stoudt & Carol Stoudt

Are you currently in active military service? no

If you have been discharged within the last 6 months, provide discharge date na and documentation. Applicant offers to pay upon such repurchase, by check or money order, as directed by the St. Louis County Board, the full price of repurchase as stated above, the terms of which will be stated by the contract and required by law.

Dated: 5-2 2013

By: Carol C Stoudt
(Signature)

Address: 150 Skyview Drive
City: Boone State: NC Zip: 28607
Phone: 828-719-9303



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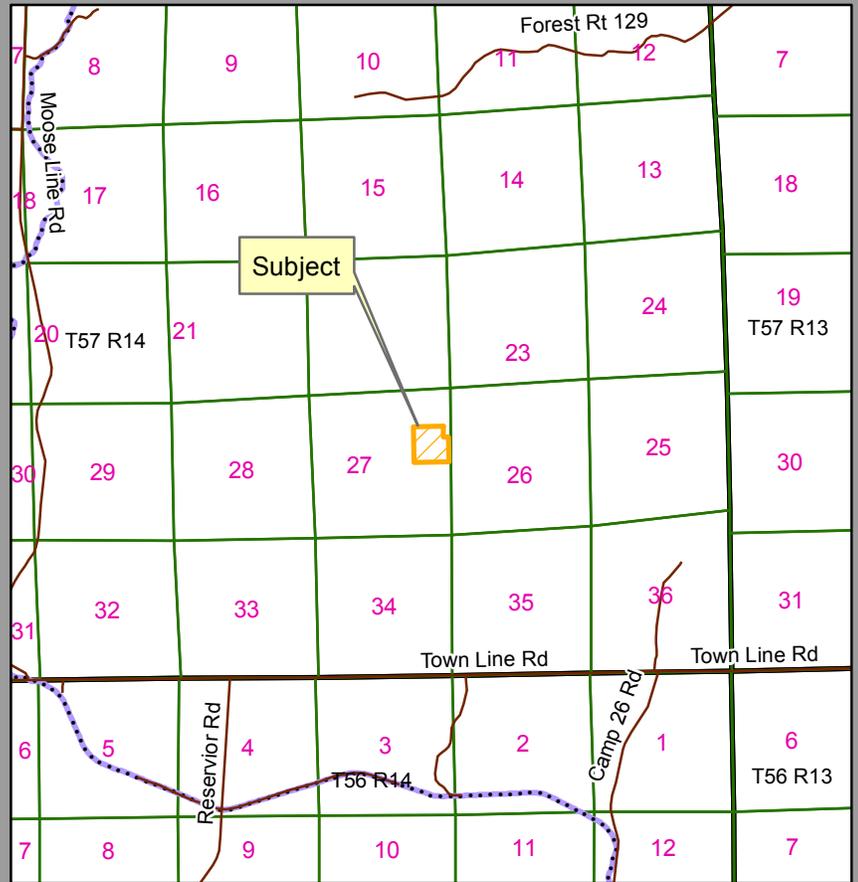
Repurchase of Property

Legal : UNORGANIZED 57 14
SE1/4 OF NE1/4 EX NLY 435 FT OF
ELY 200 FT, Sec 27 Twp 57 Rge 14

Parcel Code : 643-0010-04040

LDKEY : 72633

Acres: 38.00

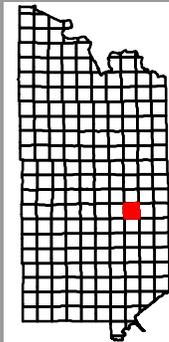


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Commissioner District # 4

- State Tax Forfeited Land
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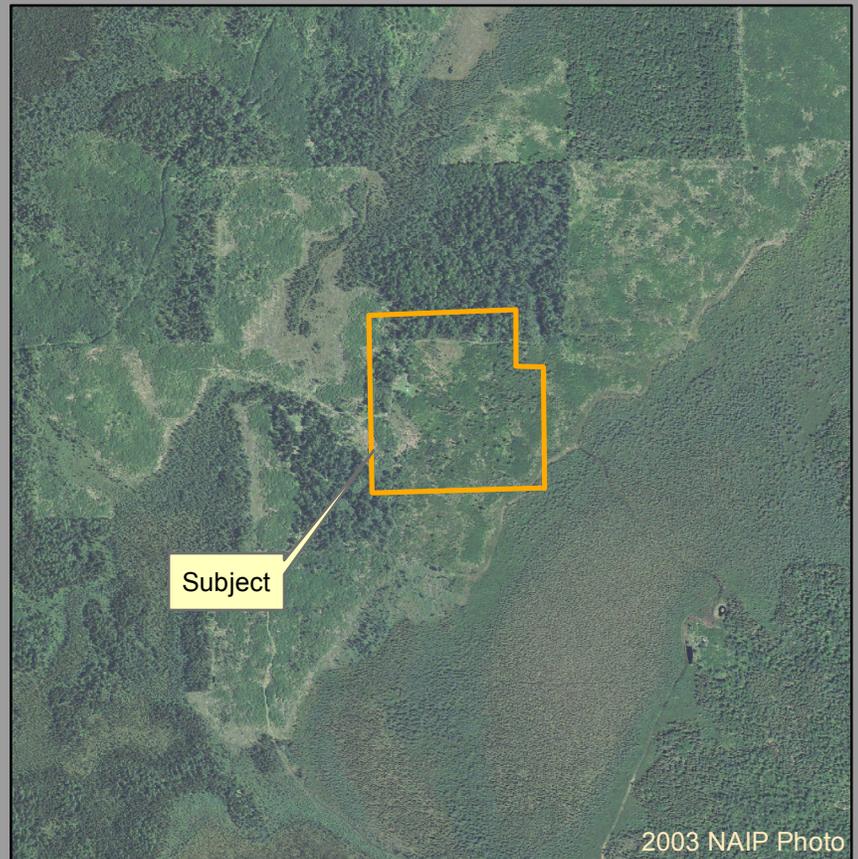


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BOARD LETTER NO. 13 - 204

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 8

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 28, 2013

RE: Special Sale to the Duluth
Economic Development
Authority (DEDA)

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Mark Weber, Interim Director
Land and Minerals

Donald Dicklich
County Auditor

RELATED DEPARTMENTAL GOAL:

Financial return to the county and taxing districts.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize the sale of state tax forfeited land to the Duluth Economic Development Authority (DEDA) for redevelopment.

BACKGROUND:

DEDA has asked to acquire a tax forfeited parcel for redevelopment on the former U.S. Steel Corporation site near the intersection of Nick Glumac Drive and Commonwealth Avenue. In April of 2004, U.S. Steel Corporation conveyed its properties (which adjoin the tax forfeited parcel) to DEDA for economic development. The tax forfeited parcel, which passes through this site, forfeited to the State of MN in December of 1936, and was originally designated for a railroad track. Subsequent transactions involving the adjoining U.S. Steel property failed to include this tax forfeited parcel. DEDA needs to acquire this parcel to obtain a clean title to the entire site and continue its redevelopment efforts.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board approve the sale of state tax forfeited land to DEDA for the value of \$3,000 plus the following fees: 3% assurance fee of \$90, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$9.90, and recording fee of \$46; for a total of \$3,170.90, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

Special Sale to the Duluth Economic Development Authority (DEDA)

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The Duluth Economic Development Authority (DEDA) has requested to purchase the following described state tax forfeited land for the price of \$3,000, plus fees, for the purpose of economic development:

Legal: City of Duluth

A strip of land 50 feet in width in the NW1/4 of SE1/4 thereof conveyed by two deeds recorded in the office of the County Recorder in Book 66 of Deeds, page 513 and in Book 97 of Deeds, page 179 and further except that portion lying west of the westerly line of the highway laid out and platted across said Section 34, commonly known as Commonwealth Avenue.

Section: 34 Township: 49 Range: 15

Acres: +/-1

Parcel Code: Part of 010-2746-01260

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. §282.01, Subd. 1(a) authorizes the sale of state tax forfeited land to an organized governmental subdivision for any public purpose for which the subdivision is authorized to acquire property; and

WHEREAS, This parcel of land has not been withdrawn from sale pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 85.012, 92.461, 282.01, Subd. 8; and 282.018, and other statutes that require the withholding of state tax forfeited lands from sale; and

WHEREAS, All parcels of land becoming the property of the State of Minnesota in Trust through forfeiture for nonpayment of real estate taxes shall be classified as 'conservation' or 'non-conservation' as required by Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 1; and

WHEREAS, The Land and Minerals Department has recommended that the parcel be classified as 'non-conservation' after considering many factors including the present use of adjacent land, the productivity of the soil, the character of forest or other growth, the accessibility of lands to established roads, schools, and other public services, the suitability or desirability for particular uses and the suitability of the forest resources on the land for multiple use and sustained yield management; and

WHEREAS, The forfeited parcel is located inside the boundaries of a municipality or town and Minn. Stat. § 282.01 provides that notice of the classification or reclassification and sale of lands situated within a municipality or town must be transmitted to its governing body; and

WHEREAS, The classification of the forfeited parcel will be deemed approved if the County Board does not receive notice of a municipality's or town's disapproval within 60 days of the date on which this resolution is delivered to the clerk of the municipality or town in which the parcel is located;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the classification and sale of the state tax forfeited land, as described, to DEDA for the price of \$3,000 plus the following fees: 3% assurance fee of \$90, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$9.90, and recording fee of \$46; for a total of \$3,170.90, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund);

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Auditor shall offer for sale at public auction the state tax forfeited land described here if DEDA does not purchase the land by July 31, 2013.



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LAND COMMISSIONER

May 10, 2013

Christopher Johnson
Urban Land Staff Appraiser
St. Louis County Land & Minerals Department
320 W 2nd Street, Room 607
Duluth, Minnesota 55802

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I am writing in response to your e-mail of April 10, 2013. This letter is designed to formally begin the process of special sale of certain tax-forfeited property to the Duluth Economic Development Authority (DEDA) and to set forth the general terms of our proposal which you have indicated are acceptable.

On April 12, 2004, U.S. Steel Corporation conveyed certain parcels of real property situated at the intersection of Nick Glumac Drive and Commonwealth Avenue in Duluth, Minnesota (aka the former Atlas Cement Site; see Exhibit A), to DEDA by ("DEDA Property"). Ultimately, the DEDA Property will be redeveloped to facilitate job creation and increased tax base.

As you are aware, a title question has arisen with respect to certain land within the DEDA Property. By reason of tax-forfeiture, the State has an undivided 1/3 interest in the following property in Saint Louis County, Minnesota:

A strip of land 50 feet in width in the NW ¼ of Se ¼ of Section 34 in Township 49 North of Range 15 West, conveyed by two deeds recorded in the office of the County Recorder in Book 66 of Deeds, page 513 and in Book 97 of Deeds, page 179 except that portion lying west of the westerly line of the highway laid out and platted across said Section 34, commonly known as Commonwealth Avenue.

(Hereinafter "Property in Question")

DEDA has proposed purchasing the Property in Question for a fair market value. Based on the price recommendation made by your office that accounts for legacy pollution issues, it is our understanding that the total cost to acquire the Property in Question, including fees and taxes, will be around \$3,171.00 pending approval by the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners of the sale of property to DEDA. It is DEDA's understanding that purchasing the Property in Question, as described, will quiet title issues with respect to the DEDA Property so that redevelopment can proceed expeditiously.

I look forward to hearing from your office regarding timing and next steps. Please feel free to contact me with questions.

Sincerely,



Ross Lovely

cc: Jeffrey A. Scott, Esq.
cc: Joan Christensen

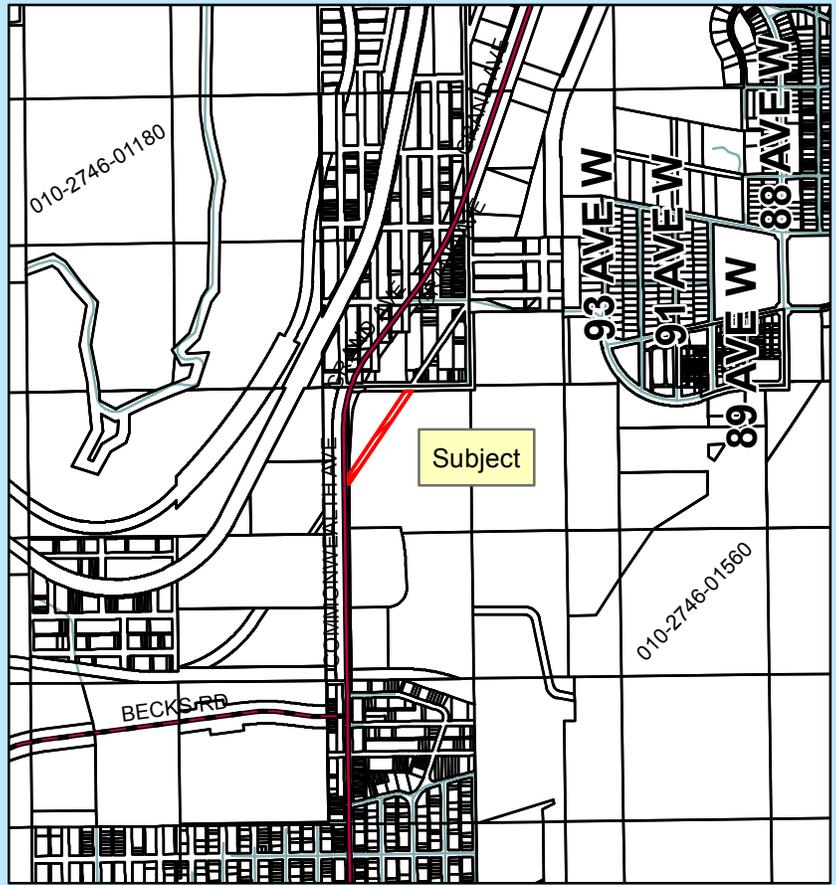


St. Louis County Land & Minerals Department Tax Forfeited Sales

Special Sale - DEDA

Legal: A strip of land 50 feet in width in the NW1/4 of SE1/4 thereof conveyed by two deeds recorded in the office of the County Recorder in Book 66 of Deeds, page 513 and in Book 97 of Deeds, page 179 and further except that portion lying west of the westerly line of the highway laid out and platted across said Section 34, commonly known as Commonwealth Avenue.

Section: 34 Township: 49 Range: 15
Acres: +/-1
Parcel code: Part of 010-2746-01260

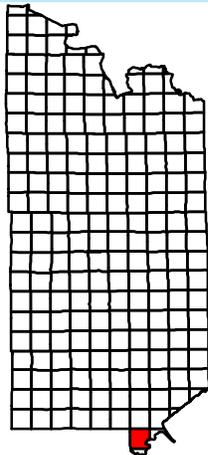


City of Duluth

Section: 34 Township: 49 Range: 15

Commissioner District # 3

- State Tax Forfeited
- Water
- Road
- Parcel Aerial
- Parcel Plat
- Township-Range

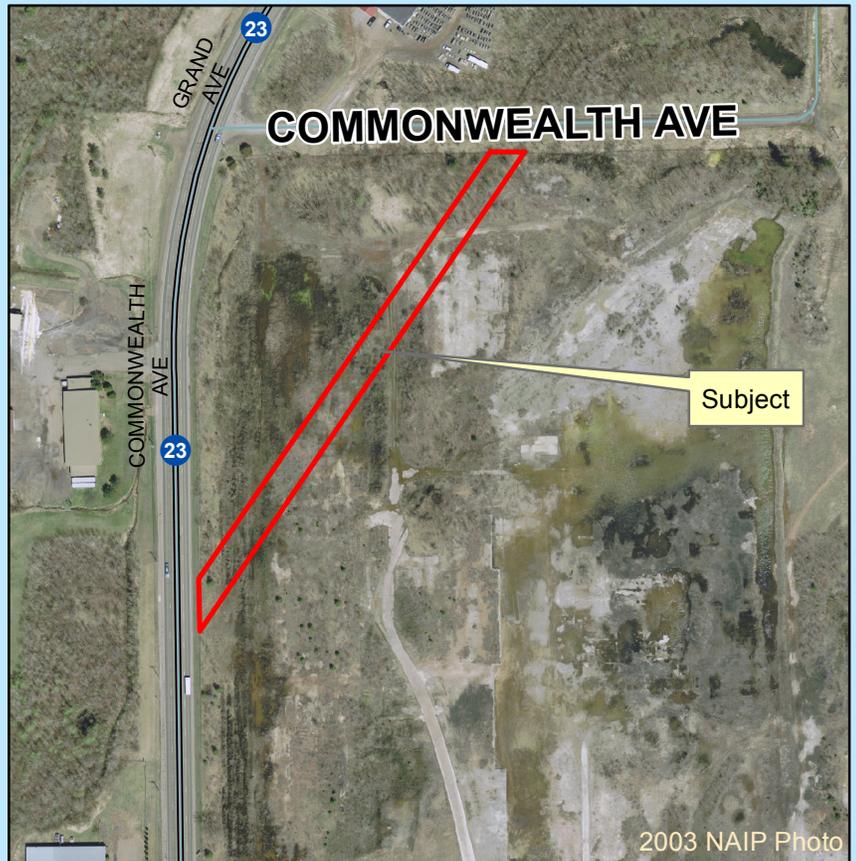


**St. Louis County
Minnesota**

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**Saint Louis County
Land & Minerals
Department**

June 2013



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BOARD LETTER NO. 13 - 205

PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 9

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 28, 2013

RE: Floor Drain Replacement at the
Richard H. Hansen Public Works
and Transportation Complex

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

James T. Foldesi
County Engineer/Public Works Director

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

Provide a safe, well-maintained road and bridge system.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize an agreement for the renovation of the floor drains in the warm storage areas at the Richard H. Hansen Public Works and Transportation Complex in Pike Lake, MN.

BACKGROUND:

The Public Works Department's 2013 Capital Improvement Budget includes the replacement of the floor drains at the Richard H. Hansen Public Works and Transportation Complex. The floor drains in the both warm storage areas are currently failing due to normal wear and tear and salt exposure. This is a common problem in many county Public Works shops.

Foster Jacobs & Johnson, Inc. was hired as a consultant to prepare a long term design solution for this problem. The engineered design fix includes an alternate for a premium cast floor drain grating that will last longer than the original grating used. The Purchasing Division solicited bids for this project with the following results:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>	<u>PREMIUM GRATING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Hovland Inc., Hermantown, MN	\$105,000	\$5,800	\$110,800
Home Menders, Duluth, MN	107,711	8,000	115,711
Max Gray, Hibbing, MN	115,900	7,150	123,050

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the St. Louis County Board authorize an agreement with Hovland Inc. for the renovation of floor drains at the Richard H. Hansen Public Works Transportation Complex, for a total cost of \$110,800.00, payable from Fund 405, Agency 405060, and Object 663100.

**Floor Drain Replacement at the Richard H. Hansen
Public Works and Transportation Complex**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The floor drains at the Richard H. Hansen Public Works and Transportation Complex are failing and in need of repair; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department's 2013 Capital Improvement Budget includes the replacement of the floor drains at the facility;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The St. Louis County Board authorizes an agreement with Hovland Inc. of Hermantown, MN, for the renovation of the floor drains at the Richard H. Hansen Public Works and Transportation Complex, for a total cost of \$110,800.00, payable from Fund 405, Agency 405060, Object 663100.

MnDOT Release of Old TH 53 to St. Louis County

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That St. Louis County enters into MnDOT Turnback Agreement No. 03733 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for the following purposes:

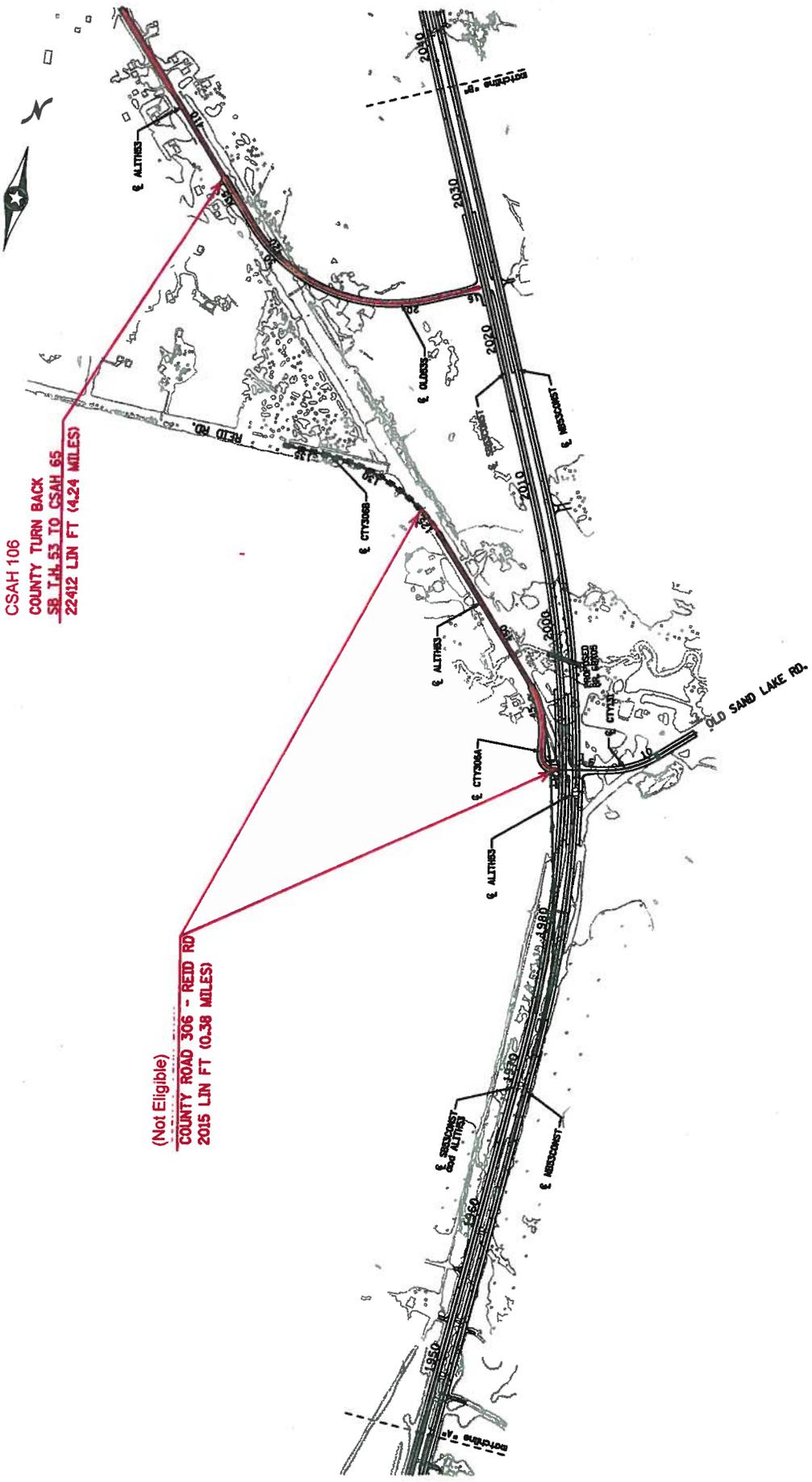
To provide for payment by the state to the county for the state release to the county of that portion of Old TH 53 from approximately 1400 ft. north of Old Sand Lake Road, extending to existing CSAH 65, approximately 4.24 miles in length in St. Louis County.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Commissioner of Transportation; the County Board Chair, County Auditor, Public Works Director/Highway Engineer, and County Attorney are authorized to execute the agreement and any amendments to the agreement.

Agreement No. 03773

CSAH 106
COUNTY TURN BACK
SB T.H. 53 TO CSAH 65
22412 LIN FT (4.24 MILES)

(Not Eligible)
COUNTY ROAD 306 - REID RD
2015 LIN FT (0.38 MILES)



OLD T.H. 53 COUNTY TURNBACK

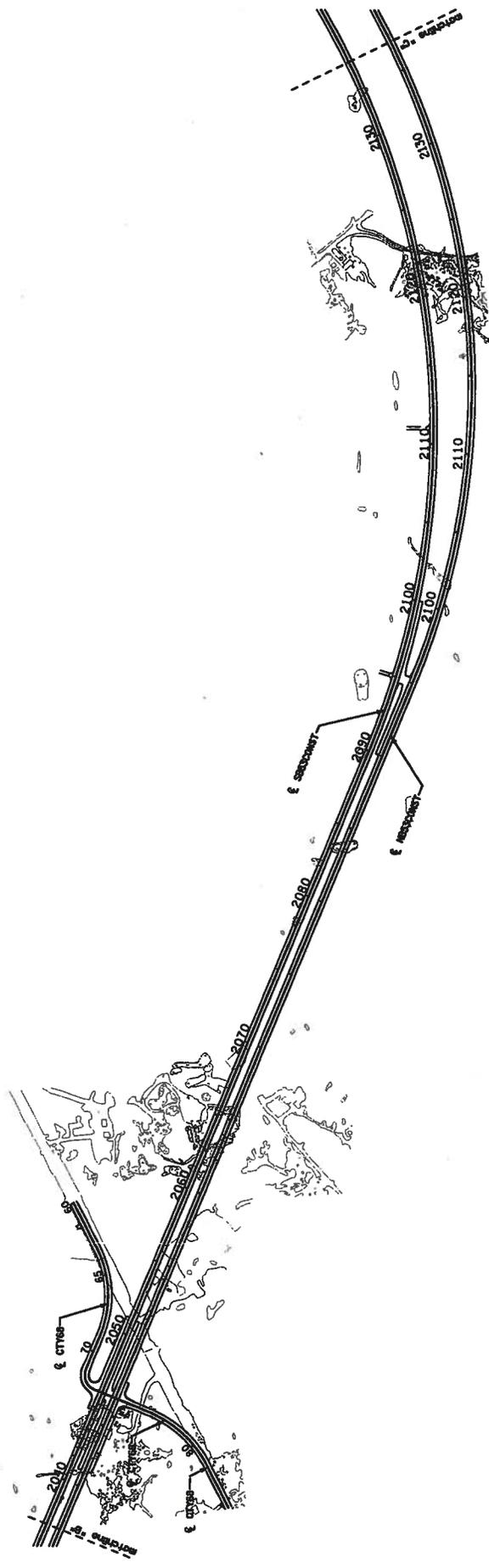
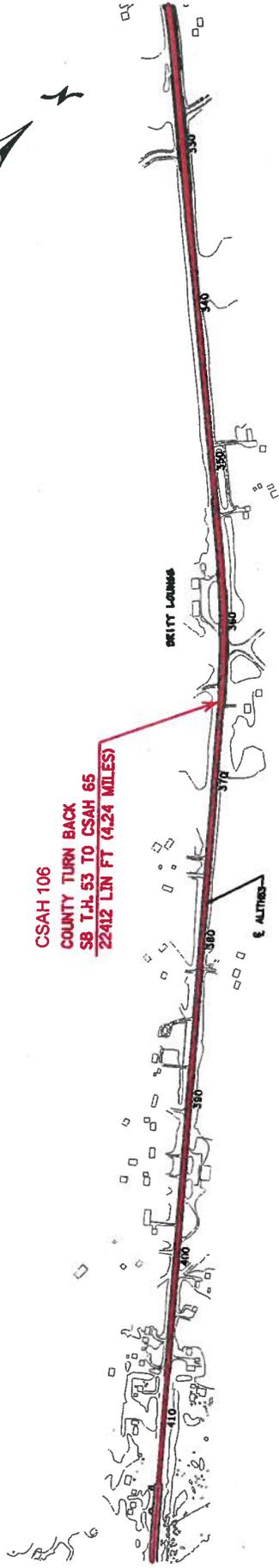
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STATE PROJ. NO. 6920-45 (TH 53) SHEET NO.1 OF 4 SHEETS

Agreement No. 03773



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COUNTY TURN BACK
SB T.H. 53 TO CSAH 65
22412 LIN FT (4.24 MILES)



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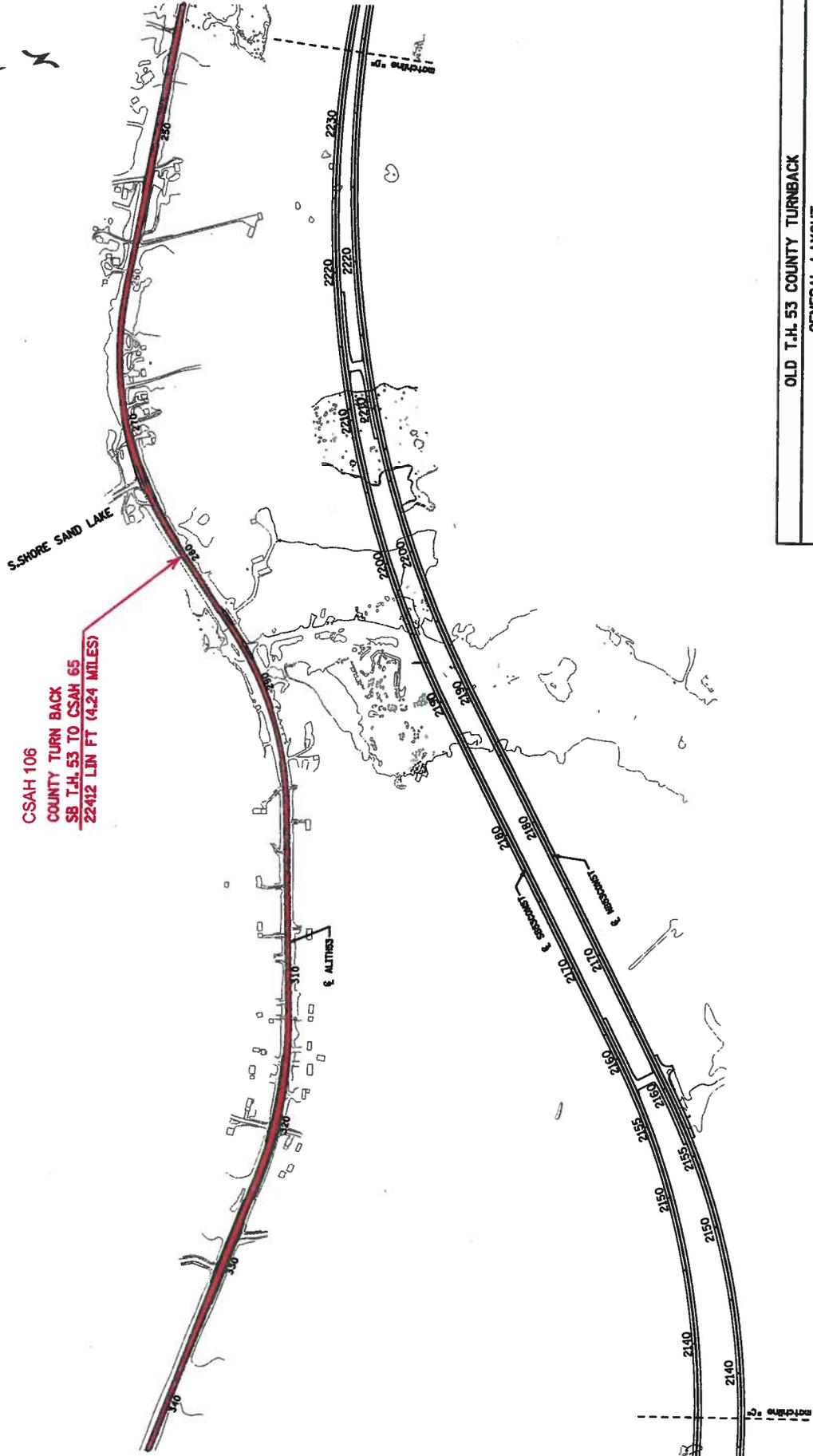
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OLD T.H. 53 COUNTY TURNBACK

GENERAL LAYOUT

STATE PROJ. NO. 6920-45 (TH 53) SHEET NO. 2 OF 4 SHEETS

Agreement No. 03773



CSAH 106
 COUNTY TURN BACK
 SB T.H. 53 TO CSAH 65
 22412 LIN FT (4.24 MILES)

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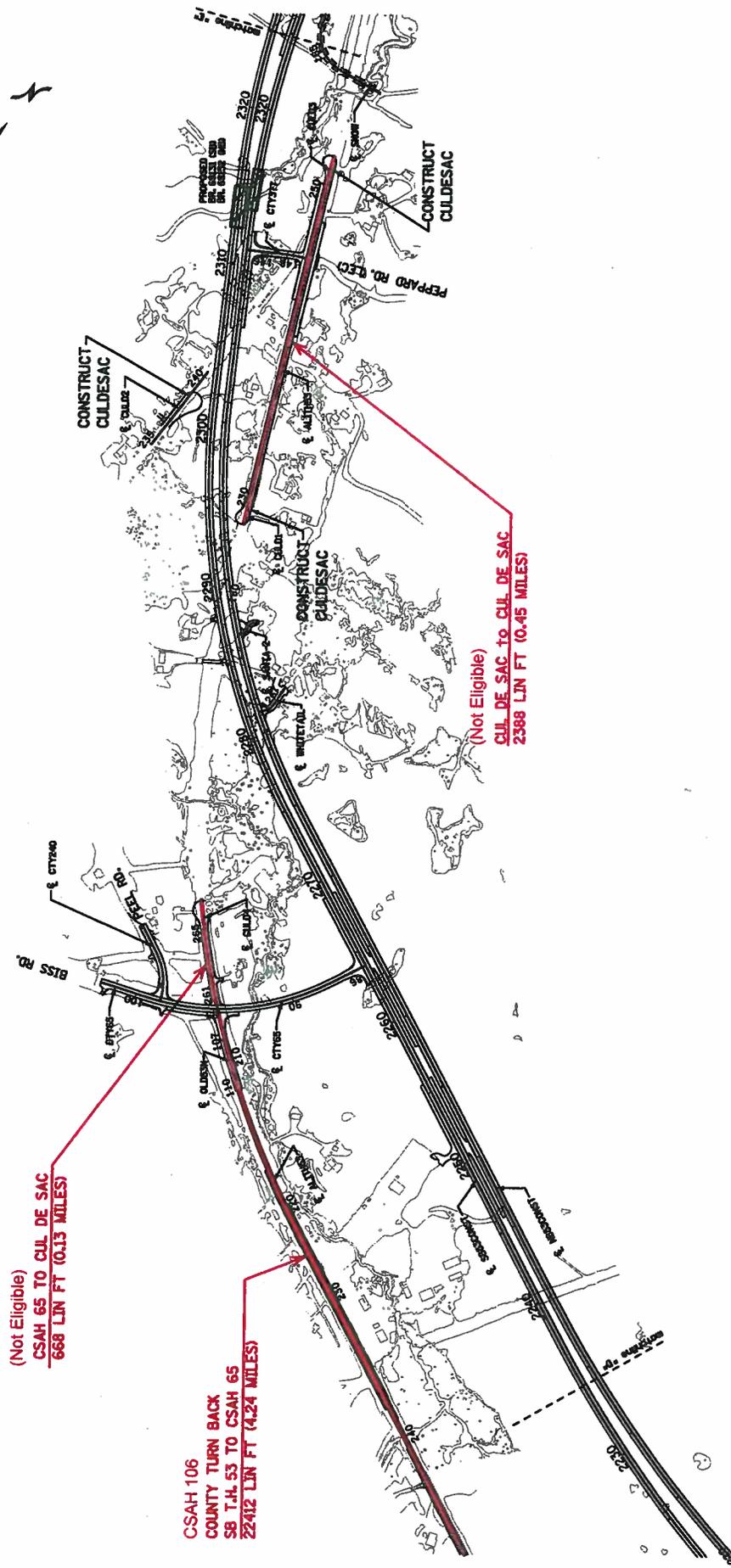
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OLD T.H. 53 COUNTY TURNBACK

GENERAL LAYOUT

STATE PROJ. NO. 6920-45 (TH 53) SHEET NO. 3 OF 4 SHEETS

Agreement No. 03773



(Not Eligible)
CSAH 65 TO CUL. DE SAC
668 LIN FT (0.13 MILES)

CSAH 106
COUNTY TURN BACK
SB T.H. 53 TO CSAH 65
22412 LIN FT (4.24 MILES)

(Not Eligible)
CUL. DE. SAC. TO CUL. DE SAC
2388 LIN FT (0.45 MILES)

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OLD T.H. 53 COUNTY TURNBACK
GENERAL LAYOUT
STATE PROJ. NO. 6920-45 (TH 53) SHEET NO. 4 OF 4 SHEETS

BOARD LETTER NO. 13 - 207

PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
CONSENT NO. 11

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 28, 2013

RE: Agreement with Cedar Valley
Township for the Replacement of
Bridge 210

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

James T. Foldesi
Public Works Director/Highway Engineer

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

Provide a safe, well maintained road and bridge system.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize an agreement with Cedar Valley Township for the replacement of Bridge 210.

BACKGROUND:

Cedar Valley Township and St. Louis County wish to have Bridge 210 reconstructed on Township Road 5164 (Hinkkanen Road). The bridge was damaged as a result of the June 2012 flood event. The county has prepared a plan for the project and proposes to advertise project SAP 69-599-037, CP 177732 for bidding in the near future. The project will be funded by the Minnesota Department of Transportation Town Bridge Account, less a \$10,000 local share in the form of engineering services to be provided by the county.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the St. Louis County Board authorize an agreement with Cedar Valley Township for the replacement of Bridge 210.

Agreement with Cedar Valley Township for the Replacement of Bridge 210

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That the appropriate county officials are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Cedar Valley Township whereby the county will provide a local match in the form of engineering and construction services for construction of Bridge 210 on Township Road 5164 using Minnesota Department of Transportation Town Bridge Account Funds.

BOARD LETTER NO. 13 - 208

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 12

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 28, 2013 **RE:** Abatement List for Board Approval

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Mark Monacelli, Director
Public Records & Property Valuation

David L. Sipila
County Assessor

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

The County Assessor will meet all state mandates for classifying and valuing taxable parcels for property tax purposes as outlined in Minn. Stat. § 270 through 273.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to approve the attached abatements.

BACKGROUND:

The intent of abatements is to provide equitable treatment to individual taxpayers while at the same time exercising prudence with the tax monies due to the taxing authorities within St Louis County. Abatements are processed in conformance with St. Louis County Board Resolution No. 861, dated November 30, 1993, outlining the Board's policy on abatement of ad valorem taxes. This Policy provides direction for the abatement of: 1) Current year taxes; 2) Current year penalty and costs; 3) Past year taxes; and 4) Past year penalty, interest, and costs.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board approve the attached list of abatements.

Abatement List for Board Approval

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the applications for abatements, correction of assessed valuations and taxes plus penalty and interest, and any additional accrual, identified in County Board File No. 59577.

5/16/2013
1:55:54PM

Abatements Submitted for Approval by the St. Louis County Board
on 6/4/2013

<u>PARCEL CODE</u>	<u>AUD NBR</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPRAISER</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>REDUCTION</u>
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90 60 220	0 14774	HEDLEY, KARL	R	Virginia	Rick Puhek	HOMESTEAD	2013	594.78
10 4050 1940	0 14775	OLSON, EARL	R	City of Duluth	Lana Anderson	HOMESTEAD	2013	360.98
90 100 850	0 14776	SULLIVAN, RUTH	R	Virginia	Lana Anderson	HOMESTEAD	2013	800.00

BOARD LETTER NO. 13 - 209

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 13

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 28, 2013 **RE:** Purchase of Hewlett Packard
Blade Servers

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Martin Buscombe, Director
Information Technology

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To provide a strong county infrastructure.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize purchase of Hewlett Packard (HP) blade servers for the primary and backup data centers.

BACKGROUND:

One of the goals of the Information Technology (IT) Department is to migrate workstations from physical devices to virtual devices. The technology called Virtual Desktop Initiative consolidates the power and complexity of selected workstations onto servers located in the county's primary and backup data centers reducing the complexity and time needed to manage the user workstations. A new technology called blade servers allows for the deployment of servers into smaller spaces with more flexibility and scalability while using less electrical capacity and heat generation to achieve the same results.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize the IT Department to purchase HP blade servers from Works Computing of Bloomington, MN, under Minnesota state contract at the quoted price of \$46,859.00 plus Minnesota sales tax of \$3,221.56. Funding for this purchase has been budgeted in Fund 100, Agency 117101, Object 665300.

It is further recommended that the County Board authorize the purchase of associated ongoing maintenance and support at a total cost of \$10,283.00 for the next five years plus Minnesota sales tax of \$706.96 and technical support services in the amount of \$3,400.00 to assist with the installation. Funding is available in the current budget (Fund 100, Agency 117004) and future budgets will reflect the appropriate maintenance and support costs throughout the life of the equipment.

Purchase of Hewlett Packard Blade Servers

BY COMMISSIONER: _____

WHEREAS, Information Technology Department servers need to be upgraded to adequately support the technology needs of the county;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes purchase of HP blade servers from Works Computing of Bloomington, MN, under Minnesota state contract at the quoted price of \$46,859.00 plus Minnesota sales tax of \$3,221.56, payable from Fund 100, Agency 117101, Object 665300;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the County Board authorizes the purchase of associated ongoing maintenance and support at a total cost of \$10,283.00 for the next five years plus Minnesota sales tax of \$706.96, and technical support services in the amount of \$3,400 for installation, payable from Fund 100, Agency 117004.

BOARD LETTER NO. 13 - 210

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 14

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 28, 2013

RE: Amend the Public Hearing Date
on an Amendment to the
Capital Improvement Plan and
on Intent to Issue Capital
Improvement Bonds

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Donald Dicklich
County Auditor

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

Provide for effective, efficient government.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to amend Resolution No. 13-301 and the date of the public hearing on the Capital Improvement Plan and intent to issue Capital Improvement Bonds, originally set for June 4, 2013.

BACKGROUND:

The St. Louis County Board is authorized under Minn. Stat. § 373.40, Subd. 3, to amend a five year capital improvement plan. The process, as outlined in the statute, is as follows:

1. A public hearing is held to allow public input into the capital improvement plan.
2. The Board of Commissioners considers approval of the capital improvement plan after the public hearing.

The County Board reviewed the 2013 – 2017 Capital Improvement Plan amendment at its March 19, 2013 workshop. It is recommended that a public hearing be established for the purpose of obtaining input from the general public on the 2013 – 2017 Capital Improvement Plan. After the public hearing, the Board will consider the issuance of capital improvement bonds under Minn. Stat. § 373.40 and Chapter 475 in an amount not to exceed \$24,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds for the following capital improvements:

- Administration Building Improvements – Improvements to the Government Services Center located in Duluth.

The Internal Finance Committee met on April 22, 2013 and recommends issuance of these bonds.

The timeline for deriving complete construction cost estimates has been pushed back slightly, requiring a change in the timeline for bond issuance.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board amend Resolution No. 13-301 to establish the date and time of the public hearing to 9:40 a.m., Tuesday, July 2, 2013, in the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN, for the purpose of obtaining input from the general public on the 2013 – 2017 Capital Improvement Plan and issuance of up to \$24,000,000 in Capital Improvement Bonds.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 13-301
ADOPTED MAY 14, 2013, WHICH CALLED FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS
ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN
AND ON THE INTENT TO ISSUE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS
UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 373.40**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") of St. Louis County, Minnesota (the "County"), as follows:

Section 1. Under and pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 373.40, the Board has previously approved a Capital Improvement Plan with annual amendments, including the years 2012 through 2016 (the "Plan").

Section 2. The Board has proposed an amendment to the Plan for the years 2013 through 2017 (the "Amendment").

Section 3. Further, the Board is considering the issuance of capital improvement bonds under Minnesota Statutes, Section 373.40 and Chapter 475 in an amount not to exceed \$24,000,000 (the "Bonds") for the purpose of providing funds for the following capital improvements under the Plan, as amended by the Amendment:

- Administration Building Improvements – Improvements to the Government Services Center located in Duluth (the "Project").

Section 4. By Resolution No. 13-301 adopted May 14, 2013, the Board called for holding public hearings on Tuesday, June 4, 2013, regarding the Amendment and on the issuance of the Bonds. As the Board will be unable to hold such public hearings, the Board desires to amend the time of such hearings as follows: The Board shall hold public hearings at 9:40 a.m. on Tuesday, July 2, 2013, at the Duluth Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota, to provide an opportunity for residents to express their views on the Amendment and on the issuance of the Bonds for the Project.

Section 5. The County Auditor shall publish a notice of public hearings on the capital improvement plan and on the intent to issue the Bonds in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A on a date which is not less than 14 days nor more than 28 days before the hearing in the official newspaper of the County.

Adopted: June 4, 2013.

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE ANNUAL AMENDMENT TO THE
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND ON THE INTENT TO ISSUE
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS BY ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA,
UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 373.40

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of St. Louis County, Minnesota will conduct public hearings on Tuesday, July 2, 2013, at 9:40 a.m. in the Duluth Courthouse, located in Duluth, Minnesota, to provide an opportunity for the public to express their views concerning (i) the County's Capital Improvement Plan for the years 2013 through 2017; and (ii) the County's intent to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$24,000,000 (the "Bonds"), pursuant to the Capital Improvement Plan as amended and approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

The proceeds of the Bonds shall be used by the County to construct the following improvements, and to pay costs of issuance of and capitalized interest, if any, on the Bonds:

- Administration Building Improvements – Improvements to the Government Services Center located in Duluth.

The Bonds and the interest thereon shall constitute general obligations of the County secured by the full faith and credit of the County. All persons interested may appear and be heard at the time and place set forth above.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Donald Dicklich, County Auditor

BOARD LETTER NO. 13 – 211

CENTRAL MANAGEMENT & INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 28, 2013

RE: 2013 Residential Survey
Results

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To provide effective, efficient government.

BACKGROUND:

At the May 21, 2013 County Board Workshop, Commissioners referred discussion on the 2013 Residential Survey results to the May 28 Committee of the Whole meeting.

St. Louis County, Minnesota

Resident Survey

Report of Results

2013



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Background

Understanding the needs of residents is important to St. Louis County government, so it has conducted a regular, periodic survey of residents' opinions. This report includes St. Louis County's results from 2013 compared to those from 2011 and 2007 where possible. In 2013, St. Louis County was joined by Scott County, Washington County, Dakota County and Olmsted County, working together with NRC, to develop a survey instrument with a set of shared questions, as well as questions unique to each County.

The St. Louis County Resident Survey was administered by mail to 2,100 randomly selected households in February 2013 and was distributed equally among the seven County Commissioner Districts. Of the approximately 1,975 households that received a survey in the mail, 732 surveys were completed providing a response rate of 37%.

Because St. Louis County has administered a resident survey before, a number of comparisons could be made between 2013 responses and those from 2011 and 2007. Generally, comparisons between surveys are made through the conversion of ratings to a 100-point scale. St. Louis County also elected to have its results compared to those of other counties around the nation, comparisons made possible through NRC's national benchmark database. This database contains resident perspectives gathered in citizen surveys from approximately 500 jurisdictions, including cities and counties.

Key Findings

Many aspects of quality of life remained the same or improved from 2011 to 2013.

- Residents' ratings of the overall quality of life in St. Louis County increased from 62 points on the 100-point scale in 2011 to 66 in 2013, but remained below the national county average.
- Of the community characteristics assessed on the survey, respondents gave the highest ratings to recreational opportunities (67), St. Louis County as a place to live (67), and St. Louis County as a place to raise children (66). Employment opportunities received the lowest rating (32 on a 100-point scale), although this rating increased from 2011 (25). Ratings of recreational opportunities also improved from 2011 to 2013 (63 versus 67, respectively).
- When responses were compared to other counties across the nation, results were mixed: recreational opportunities was rated much above the national average, while most other characteristics were rated similar to (such as the county as a place to live and raise children) or below (such as the overall image or reputation of the County) the national average.
- As in 2011, when asked to rate how important 17 factors were to their quality of life in the county, the availability of quality healthcare was considered most important to residents' quality of life in St. Louis County in 2013 (76 points on the 100-point scale where zero equals "not at all important" and 100 equals "essential").

St. Louis County residents felt safe from most types of crime but feared unsafe drivers.

- In 2013, residents felt safest from violent crime (68 points on the 100-point scale, or "somewhat safe") and property crime (63 points, or just below "somewhat safe"). Respondents felt the least safe from intoxicated or impaired drivers (45 points, or between "somewhat" safe and "somewhat" unsafe) and distracted drivers (35 points). This was a similar pattern when compared to safety ratings in 2011.

- Ratings of safety from violent crime and property crime were similar to the average for other counties around the country.
- Fewer respondents in 2013 than in 2011 reported feeling safe from illegal drug activity and from distracted drivers.
- Public safety was viewed as the fourth most important factor, out of 17, in residents' quality of life in St. Louis County.

Residents voiced concerns about jobs, opportunities for youth, and substance abuse in St. Louis County.

- Respondents were asked to rate how much of a problem seven different potential issues were in the County. In 2013, opportunities for young people (78 points) and jobs (78 points) were seen as the most problematic for St. Louis County, ratings between a “moderate” and “major” problem.
- As mirrored in residents ratings of safety from various types of crime, crime was viewed as the least problematic, with a rating of 58 points on the 100-point scale (or between a “minor” and “moderate” problem).
- When asked to identify the most serious issue facing St. Louis County, one-quarter of respondents cited jobs, similar to 2011. As previously mentioned, jobs also was among the top two biggest potential problems in St. Louis County. About 15% also mentioned taxes and issues related to the budget and government spending as the most serious issue currently facing the County.
- Regarding potential health issues, residents voiced the most concern about illegal drug use, overweight adults and underage alcohol use, with each rated as at least a “moderate” concern.

Perceptions of St. Louis County government performance were lower compared to other counties and have slightly decreased over time.

- Seven in 10 residents “somewhat” or “strongly” approved of the job St. Louis County government was doing.
- Respondents' ratings of St. Louis County government performance ranged from 30 (managing tax dollars) to 43 (informing residents) points on the 100-point scale, or between about “fair” and “good.” These types of government performance items tend to get lower ratings than ratings for specific services.
- Opinions on the job St. Louis County government does at informing residents, listening to citizens, managing tax dollars, and the value of services for the County taxes paid were below the national county benchmarks.
- Less favorable ratings were given in 2013 than in 2011 to the job the County does at informing residents and supporting the quality of life in St. Louis County (43 in 2013 versus 48 in 2011 and 41 versus 45, respectively).
- Respondents who had contacted a County employee in the year prior to the survey gave average ratings at or just below “good” on the 100-point scale to the employee's knowledge, courtesy, responsiveness and their overall impression of the employee. Although these ratings remained stable over time, all but one (employee knowledge) were below the national average.

When evaluating County services, residents awarded the highest marks to law enforcement services.

- In 2013, the highest rated services out of the 21 services asked about on the survey were 911 dispatch (72) and sheriff patrol (65), which were about “good” on the 100-point scale and similar

to ratings given in 2011. Services to youth and the assessment process/ property tax system received the lowest ratings, at or just above “fair.”

- Sheriff patrol, snow and ice removal, and maintenance of County roads were similar to the national average and land use services were rated much above. Most of the other services were rated below the benchmark.
- Quality ratings of most services remained stable over time. However, ratings of snow and ice removal on County roads and disaster preparedness and response were higher in 2013 than in 2011. Records and vital statistics and access to information on County website were given lower ratings in 2013 than in 2011.
- Four in 10 residents supported a property tax increase to maintain County services (a decrease in the level of support in 2011), and about half supported an increase for improving plowing on County roads.

As in previous years, residents primarily used print sources to get information about St. Louis County government in 2013.

- Respondents relied on daily newspapers (85% indicated using as a “minor” or “major” source) as a primary source of information about St. Louis County government; many also used weekly community newspapers (73%) and other county residents (81%).
- When asked what method they would use to contact St. Louis County government, one-third of residents indicated that they would call a staff person and one-quarter would send an email. Few (12%) preferred to use social media.
- One-third of respondents said they would like to learn more about County services via direct mail, while 22% preferred to do so via the County website.
- The County service that residents most frequently mentioned wanting more information about was the assessment process and property tax system, with 4 in 10 requesting more information.

BOARD LETTER NO. 13 - 212

CENTRAL MANAGEMENT & INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

DATE: May 28, 2013

RE: 2013 Legislative Session Wrap-Up

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To provide effective, efficient government.

BACKGROUND:

Intergovernmental Relations Director John Ongaro will be present to provide outcomes of the 2013 Legislative Session which adjourned on May 20, 2013.

BOARD LETTER NO. 13 - 213

PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE NO. 1

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 28, 2013

RE: Award of Bids: Gravel Road Investment Program (Various Townships), Reclaim and Overlay (Meadowlands, Elmer and Cedar Valley Townships)

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

James T. Foldesi
Highway Engineer/Public Works Director

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

Provide a safe, well maintained road and bridge system.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize an award to the low bidders for a Gravel Road Investment Program (GRIP) project in various townships and a reclaim and overlay project in Meadowlands, Elmer and Cedar Valley Townships, MN.

BACKGROUND:

County staff is authorized by County Board Resolution No. 88-381, dated May 24, 1988, to call for bids on projects which are already included in the budget document. Bids were requested for a GRIP project funded with county local funds in Unorganized Townships 60-18, 57-16 56-17 and Balkan, Great Scott and McDavitt Townships; and for a reclaim and overlay project in Meadowlands, Elmer and Cedar Valley Townships, MN. A call for bids was received by the Public Works Department on May 16, 2013, for these projects in accordance with the plans and specifications on file in the office of the County Highway Engineer:

- 1. Project:** WO 187634, Gravel Road Investment Program, North/Central, 2013
- Location:**
- A. UT 8115 (Osborn Lake Road) from CSAH 65 (Biss Road) to UT 8183 (Birch Point Road),
 - B. CSAH 66 (McNiven Road) from UT 7826 to CSAH 25,
 - C. CR 384 (Amundson Road) from CSAH 7 to end,
 - D. UT 8112 (Peppard Road) from Artic Way Road to UT 8108,
 - E. UT 9223 (Long Lake Road) from Hwy 16 to CSAH 95 (Bodas Road), and;

F. UT 9115 (Murphy Lake Road) from UT 9113 to TH 53,
G. UT 9113 (Murphy Lake Road), from end to UT 9115,
combined lengths 10.05 mi.

Traffic: A. 181, B. 119, C. 5, D. 21, E. 217, F. 5. G. 5
PQI: N.A.
Construction: Gravel Road Investment Program, North/Central 2013,
Aggregate Base, Aggregate Stabilization, Calcium Chloride
Funding: Fund 200, Agency 203289, Object 652805, and Fund 210,
Agency 210051, Object 652800
Anticipated Start Date: July 8, 2013
Anticipated Completion Date: September 6, 2013
Engineer's Estimate: \$608,368.40

BIDS:

Ulland Brothers, Inc., Cloquet, MN	\$660,063.80 (+\$51,695.40, +8.50%)
KGM Contractors, Inc., Angora, MN	\$727,078.58
Mesabi Bituminous, Inc., Gilbert, MN	\$882,908.75

2. Project: CP 0133- 149178, Culvert Replacement and Bituminous Patches
Location: CSAH 133 between TH 73 and CR 496, in Meadowlands, Elmer Township and Cedar Valley Township, MN, length 11.54 mi.
Traffic: 852
PQI: 2.7
Construction: Culvert Replacement and Bituminous Patches
Funding: Fund 200, Agency 203290, Object 652700
Anticipated Start Date: July 8, 2013
Anticipated Completion Date: August 30, 2013
Engineer's Estimate: \$505,627.75

BIDS:

Ulland Brothers, Inc., Cloquet, MN	\$456,000.00 (-\$49,627.75, -9.82%)
KGM Contractors, Inc., Angora, MN	\$467,825.50
Utility Systems of America, Inc., Eveleth, MN	\$508,537.20
Hoover Construction Co., Virginia, MN	\$515,317.75
Veit & Company, Inc., Duluth, MN	\$673,230.00
RJS Construction Group, LLC, Superior, WI	\$757,000.00
A + Landscaping, LLC, Saginaw, MN	Bid Rejected

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board award bids for the following projects:

WO 187634 to Ulland Brothers, Inc. of Cloquet, MN in the amount of \$660,063.80 payable from Fund 200, Agency 203289, Object 652805, and Fund 210, Agency 210051, Object 652800.

CP 0133-149178 to Ulland Brothers, Inc. of Cloquet, MN in the amount of \$456,000.00 payable from Fund 200, Agency 203290, Object 652700.

Award of Bids: Gravel Road Investment Program (Various Townships)

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Bids have been received by the County Auditor for the following project:

WO 187634 North/Central GRIP located on UT 8115 (Osborn Lake Road), CSAH 66 (McNiven Road), CR 384 (Amundson Road), UT 8112 (Peppard Road), UT 9223 (Long Lake Road), UT 9115 (Murphy Lake Road) and UT 9113 (Murphy Lake Road)

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN, on May 16, 2013, and the low responsible bid determined;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the award on the above project to the low bidder.

<u>LOW BIDDER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Ulland Brothers, Inc.	P.O. Box 340 Cloquet, MN 55720	\$660,063.80

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to approve the Contractor's Performance Bonds and to execute the bonds and contract for the above listed project payable from:

Local:	Fund 200, Agency 203289, Object 652805	\$248,728.30
Unorganized:	Fund 210, Agency 210051, Object 652805	\$411,335.50

Road Number 8115
Project #MP 187634
County Project #187634
Location: 2013 GRIP North - CSAH 66, CR 384,
UT 8112, 8115, 9113, 9115, 9223,
Construction Type: GRIP

Road Number 8112
Project #MP 187634
County Project #187634
Location: 2013 GRIP North - CSAH 66, CR 384,
UT 8112, 8115, 9113, 9115, 9223,
Construction Type: GRIP

Road Number 66
Project #MP 187634
County Project #187634
Location: 2013 GRIP North - CSAH 66, CR 384,
UT 8112, 8115, 9113, 9115, 9223,
Construction Type: GRIP

Road Number 9223
Project #MP 187634
County Project #187634
Location: 2013 GRIP North - CSAH 66, CR 384,
UT 8112, 8115, 9113, 9115, 9223,
Construction Type: GRIP

Road Number 384
Project #MP 187634
County Project #187634
Location: 2013 GRIP North - CSAH 66, CR 384,
UT 8112, 8115, 9113, 9115, 9223,
Construction Type: GRIP

Road Number 9113 & 9115
Project #MP 187634
County Project #187634
Location: 2013 GRIP North - CSAH 66, CR 384,
UT 8112, 8115, 9113, 9115, 9223,
Construction Type: GRIP

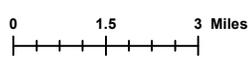
St. Louis County 2013 Road & Bridge Construction

Map Components

2013 Road & Bridge Construction

-  2013 Gravel Road Investment Program (GRIP) North/Central
-  Interstate Highway
-  U.S./State Highway

-  County Road - Paved
-  County Road - Gravel
-  Railroad
-  Commissioner District
-  Township Boundary
-  City/Town
-  Lake
-  River/Stream



**Award of Bids: Reclaim and Overlay (Meadowlands, Elmer
and Cedar Valley Townships)**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Bids have been received by the County Auditor for the following project:

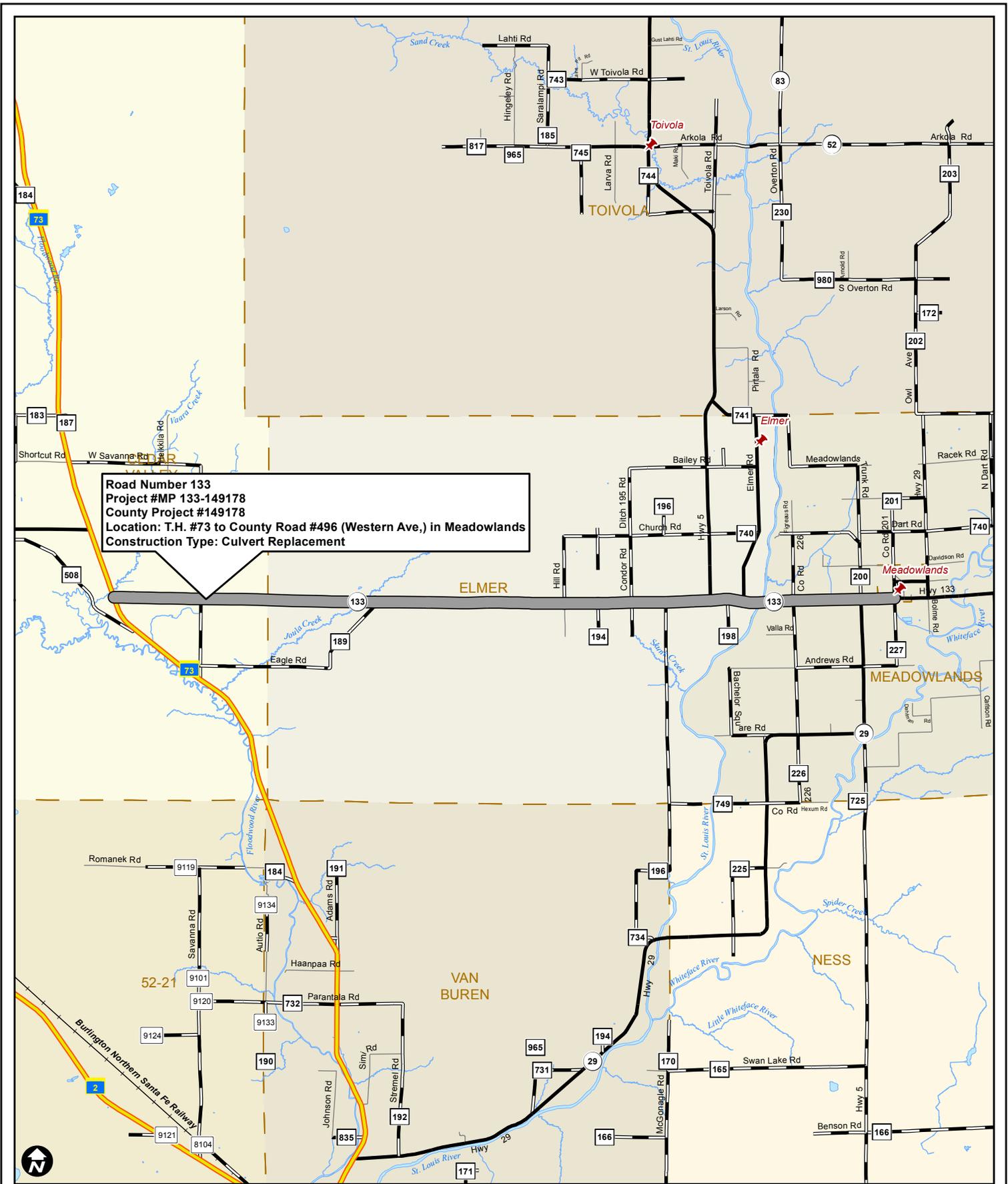
CP 0133-149178 located on CSAH 133 between TH 73 and CR 496, in
Meadowlands, Elmer and Cedar Valley Townships.

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN, on
May 16, 2013, and the low responsible bid determined;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the
award on the above project to the low bidder.

<u>LOW BIDDER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Ulland Brothers, Inc.	P.O. Box 340 Cloquet, MN 55720	\$456,000.00

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to
approve the Contractor's Performance Bonds and to execute the bonds and contract for the
above listed project payable from Fund 200, Agency 203290, Object 652700.

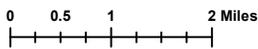


Road Number 133
Project #MP 133-149178
County Project #149178
Location: T.H. #73 to County Road #496 (Western Ave.) in Meadowlands
Construction Type: Culvert Replacement

St. Louis County 2013 Road & Bridge Construction

Map Components

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| 2013 Road & Bridge Construction | County/Unorg. Twp. Road - Paved | Township Boundary |
| Culvert Replacement | County/Unorg. Twp. Road - Gravel | City/Town |
| Interstate Highway | Railroad | Lake |
| U.S./State Highway | Commissioner District | River/Stream |



BOARD LETTER NO. 13 - 214

PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE NO. 2

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 28, 2013

RE: Award of Bids: Culvert Replacement (Embarrass Township); Culvert and Paving Project (Fayal Township)

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

James T. Foldesi
Public Works Director/Highway Engineer

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

Provide a safe, well maintained road and bridge system.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize an award of bid for a culvert replacement project in Embarrass Township, and a combined pavement reclamation, culvert and paving project in Fayal Township.

BACKGROUND:

County staff is authorized under Resolution No. 88-381, dated May 24, 1988, to call for bids on projects which are already included in the budget document. Bids were requested for a culvert replacement project in Embarrass Township, and for a combined pavement reclamation, culvert and paving project in Fayal Township.

A call for bids was received by the St. Louis County Public Works Department on May 23, for the projects in accordance with the plans and specifications on file in the office of the County Highway Engineer:

- Project:** CP 0021-185332

Location: CSAH 21 between TH 135 and TR 6411 (Niemi Road), in Embarrass Township, length 8.16 miles.

Traffic: 1,935

PQI: 2.4

Construction: Culvert Replacement

Funding: Fund 200, Agency 203292, Object 652800

Anticipated Start Date: September 24, 2013

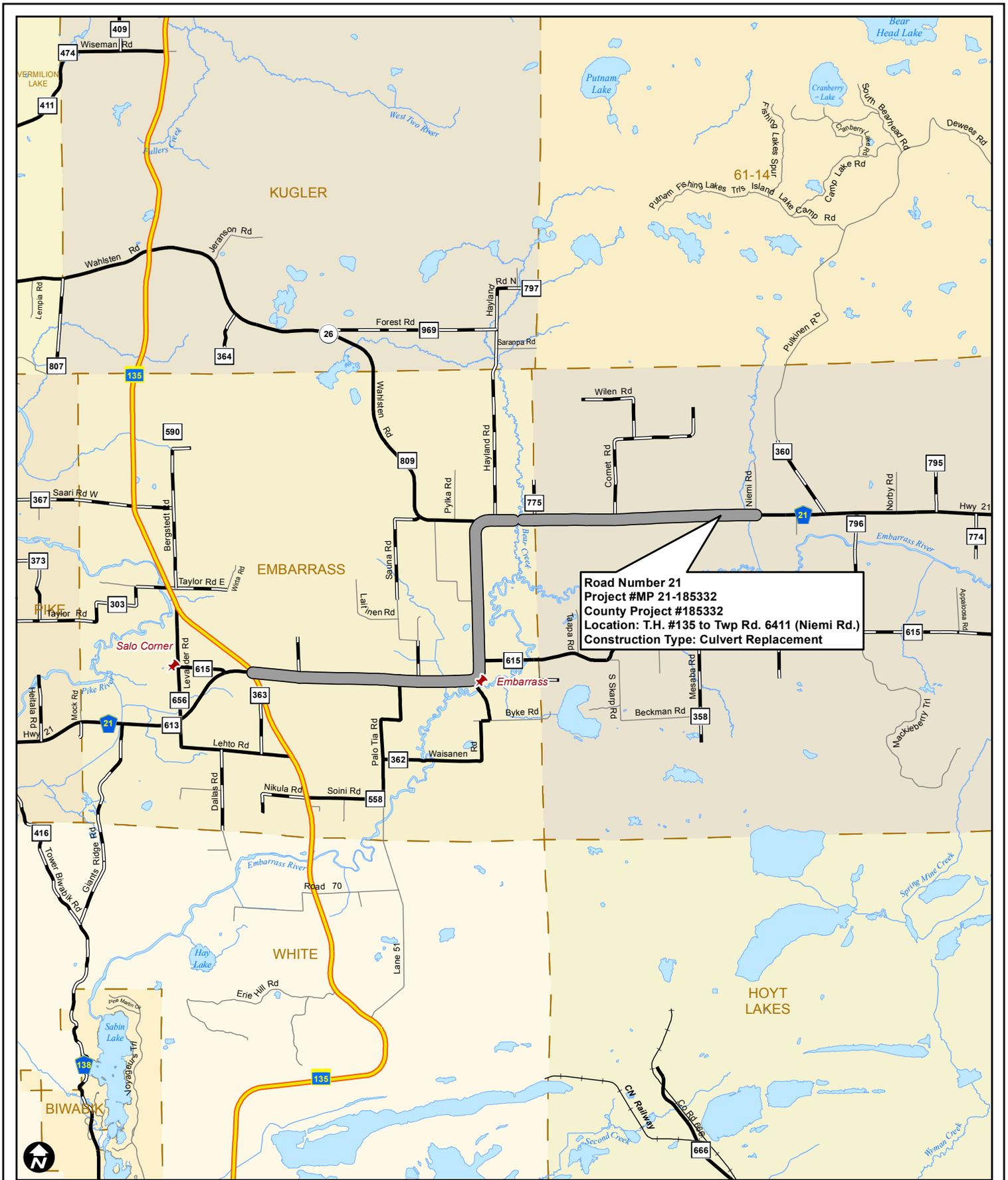
Anticipated Completion Date: October 19, 2013

Engineer's Estimate: To be provided after bid opened

2. **Project:** CP 0096-1486(Low) & SAP 69-697-001, CP 0097-180378
Location: Combined Project
- A.) CP 0096-1486 (Low), CSAH 96 from CSAH 132 (Miller Trunk Road) to CSAH 97, in Fayal Township, length 3 miles (see attached map)
- Traffic:** 1,056
PQI: 1.9
Construction: Culvert Replacement, Bituminous Pavement Reclamation, Bituminous Surface and Aggregate Shouldering
Funding: Fund 200, Agency 203106, Object 652800
- B.) SAP 69-697-001, CP 0097-180378(Tied) CSAH 97 from TH 37 to CSAH 96, length 1.96 miles. (see attached map)
- Traffic:** 1,797
PQI: 2.1
Construction: Bituminous Pavement Reclamation, Mill Bituminous Surface, Curb and Gutter and Aggregate Shouldering
Funding: Fund 220, Agency 220295, Object 652700
Anticipated Start Date: July 1, 2013
Anticipated Completion Date: August 9, 2013
Engineer's Estimate: To be provided after bid opened

RECOMMENDATION:

The bid was opened on May 23. The County Board will be provided bid results and recommendations for consideration at the May 28 Committee of the Whole meeting.

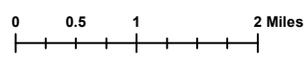


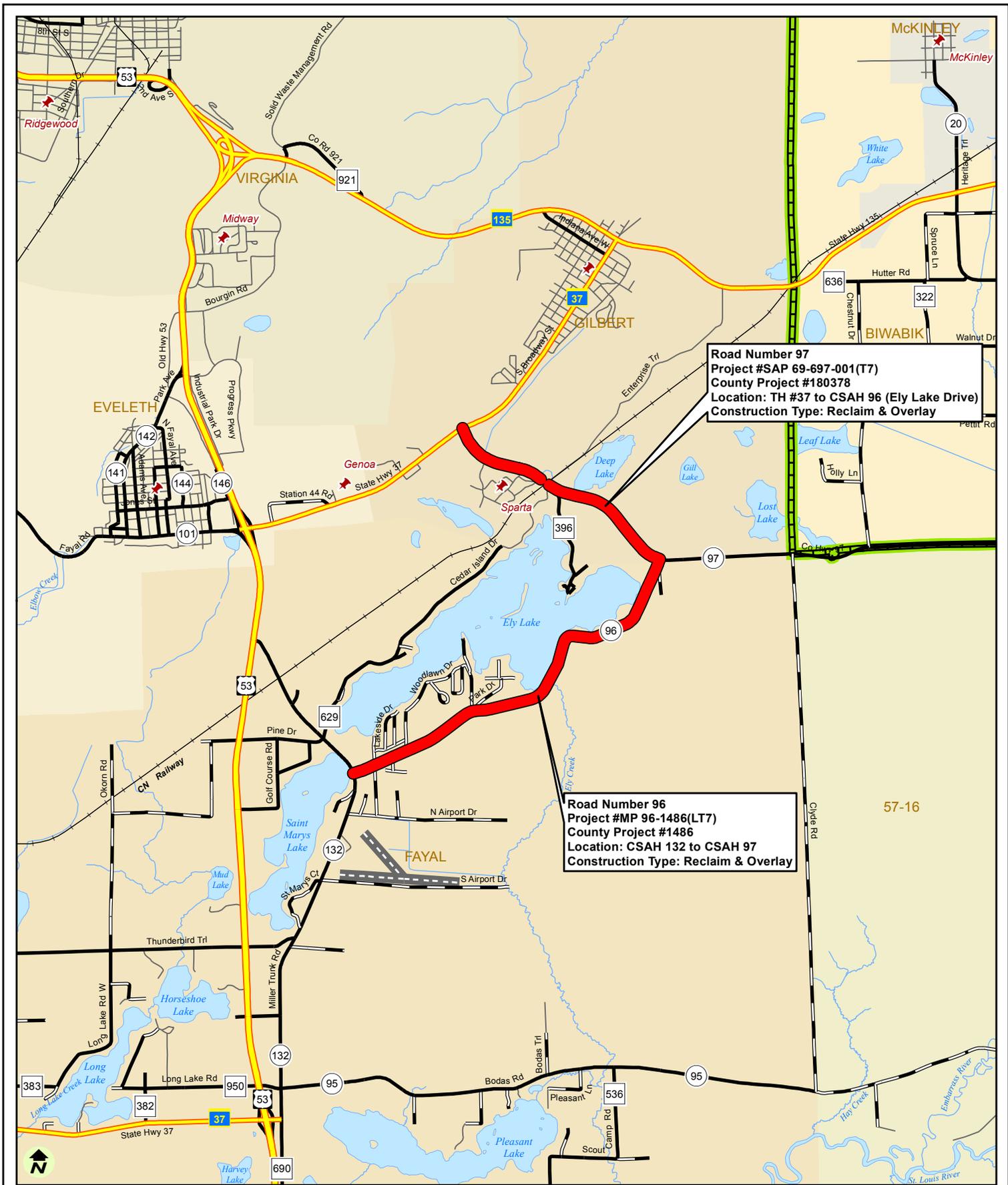
Road Number 21
Project #MP 21-185332
County Project #185332
Location: T.H. #135 to Twp Rd. 6411 (Niemi Rd.)
Construction Type: Culvert Replacement

St. Louis County 2013 Road & Bridge Construction

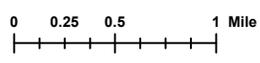
Map Components

2013 Road & Bridge Construction	County/Unorg. Twp. Road - Paved	Township Boundary
Culvert Replacement	County/Unorg. Twp. Road - Gravel	City/Town
Interstate Highway	Railroad	Lake
U.S./State Highway	Commissioner District	River/Stream





St. Louis County 2013 Road & Bridge Construction



Map Components	
2013 Road & Bridge Construction	County Road - Paved
Reclaim & Overlay	County Road - Gravel
Interstate Highway	Local Road/City Street
U.S./State Highway	Railroad
	Commissioner District
	Township Boundary
	City/Town
	Lake
	River/Stream

BOARD LETTER NO. 13 - 215

PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE NO. 3

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 28, 2013 **RE:** Electronic Bidding for Public
Works Department Projects

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

James T. Foldesi
Public Works Director/Highway Engineer

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

Provide a safe, well maintained road and bridge system.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize the establishment of electronic submittal of Public Works Department project bids.

BACKGROUND:

Consistent with county and department efforts to enhance productivity, the Public Works Department has investigated the possibility of implementing electronic bidding for department projects. This has become especially timely as the complexity and nature of the bid process has contributed to an increasing number of bids with errors or being rejected. Currently, St. Louis County uses electronic bidding for a majority of projects, with the exception of road and bridge projects.

There are a variety of reasons to implement electronic bidding for Public Works Department projects including:

- No cost to the county for the software required for electronic bidding.
- Green process: saves paper, eliminates postage for mailing plans; saves energy and labor for plan reproduction.
- Should result in lower costs to the contractor: (\$25 per project or \$50 per month for unlimited use), no plan buying, no driving to drop off proposals and lower risk for errors.
- Extremely low risk of bid rejection, which will allow for the lowest bids possible.
- Intend to use Bid Express, the same vendor the Minnesota Department of Transportation uses, as contractors in the area are familiar with this vendor and many are already subscribers.
- Small contracting firms were very successful using the flood quote process. A technological hurdle is not anticipated.
- Software training will be provided at no cost by Bid Express for county employees and contractors. Unlimited online training is available for contractors.

- Bid Express offers a web-based software with no downloading required for bid submittal. Internet speeds and connectivity have not been an issue with a reported 99.95% uptime. This is a “Software as a Service” feature requiring minimal county Information Technology resources.

With the use of electronic bidding, only electronic submittal will be allowed, and no paper bids will be accepted by the department.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize the Auditor’s Office, the Purchasing Division and the Public Works Department to implement an electronic bidding process for Public Works Department road and bridge projects. It is further recommended that the Purchasing Rules and Regulations be modified to prescribe electronic bidding for these projects, with electronic format being the sole allowable form of bid submission.

Electronic Bidding for Public Works Department Projects

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 471.345, Subd. 18 allows counties to accept bids, quotations, and proposals electronically in a form required by the county and further allows counties to accept bids, performance and payment bonds furnished electronically; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board adopted revised Purchasing Rules and Regulations by Board Resolution No. 08-610 dated November 18, 2008, which, in part, states that all bids, requests for proposals and requests for information shall be posted on an electronic bidding service and that formal bids may be received electronically, with the exception of road and bridge projects; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation has been using electronic bidding in excess of 15 years with great success; and

WHEREAS, The incidence of rejected bids can be minimized through the use of an electronic bidding process, thereby ensuring the lowest possible bids on projects.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board directs the Auditor's Office, the Purchasing Division and the Public Works Department to implement an electronic bidding process for Public Works Department road and bridge projects; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Purchasing Rules and Regulations shall be modified to prescribe electronic bidding for Public Works Department road and bridge projects, with electronic format being the sole allowable form of bid submission.